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Ploghoft speaker hails from Panama

By Katie Luers
Chief Reporter

Debbie Psychoyos will come from Panama to speak with Northwest students about culture, education and diversity for the Ploghoft Lecture series.

Psychoyos will speak at Northwest at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Charles Johnson Theater.

The series features two speakers each year, one during the fall and one during the spring. Northwest alumni Milton Ploghoft and his wife Zella fund the series. College of Education and Human Services Dean Max Ruhl said.



Debbie Psychoyos

Psychoyos supports strong links between the United States and Panama and promotes education in Panama. She will talk about the current relationship between the United States and Panama to help people understand the situation better, Ruhl said.

He visited Panama with a team to build partnerships with other schools last year. During the trip he met Psychoyos, founder and president of the ProEd Foundation: Panama.

Part of the goal of her lecture is to make students who go overseas more comfortable, he said.

Ruhl, along with the diversity team, made arrangements for Psychoyos to travel to Northwest and talk about what she does as part of the Ploghoft Lecture Series, diversity team leader Carol Tjeerdsma said.

"She will share as much as she can about what it's like for kids to grow up in Panama," Ruhl said.

The diversity team sets up both Ploghoft lectures during the school year. Each lecture is aimed at informing people about diversity, Ruhl said.

Five members make up the diversity team including team leader and Northwest instructor Carol Tjeerdsma, assistant professor Barbara Crossland, assistant professor Max Fridell, assistant professor Rhea Vetter and assistant professor Jang-Ae Yang. These members come from different areas including education, physical education and family and consumer sciences, Tjeerdsma said.

Sometimes the diversity team works with other organizations on campus. For example, the team has worked with International Affairs Director Jeff Foot and the Intercultural and International Center on campus, Tjeerdsma said.

The diversity team also works closely with Charles Johnson Theater and the Performing Arts Center to hold the lecture series.

Past lecturers included the first woman principal chief of the Cherokee Nations, Wilma Mankiller and a speaker from California about the Hispanic culture.

Remembering Roberta

Family reflects on her life and the rumors told about her

By Dominic Genetti
Project Manager

A brush flies across the room. A radio's volume adjusts when no one is near it.

"That's just Roberta," some campus sorority residents, past and present, will tell you.

Believed to be the ghost of a girl who died following an explosion that sent flames surging through the dormitory that now bears her name and today houses Northwest sororities, Roberta is said to make herself known through odd occurrences.

But Ned Steel does not believe Roberta is a spirit pulling unexplained pranks on sorority girls.

He believes her life was cut short.

Roberta is Ned's baby sister.

"We were more like twins than we were older brother and younger sister," he said. "She was a little livewire. She liked having a lot of fun and she was a very strong church girl."

An energetic, loving young woman with a light complexion, a round freckled-face and red hair accompanied with an upbeat personality, Roberta Steel enrolled at Northwest after graduating from St. Joseph's Central High School in 1950.

She wanted to become a teacher.

"To go to college, that (Maryville) was the closest one," Ned, a Northwest alum, said.

Outside of her studies, Roberta got involved in several campus organizations during her freshman year.

She performed with the Septette Singers, Tower Choir and was a member of the Independent Club, an activities organization for men and women not involved with fraternities or sororities.

"She not only enjoyed life and did things," Ned said, "she set her goals and went after it."

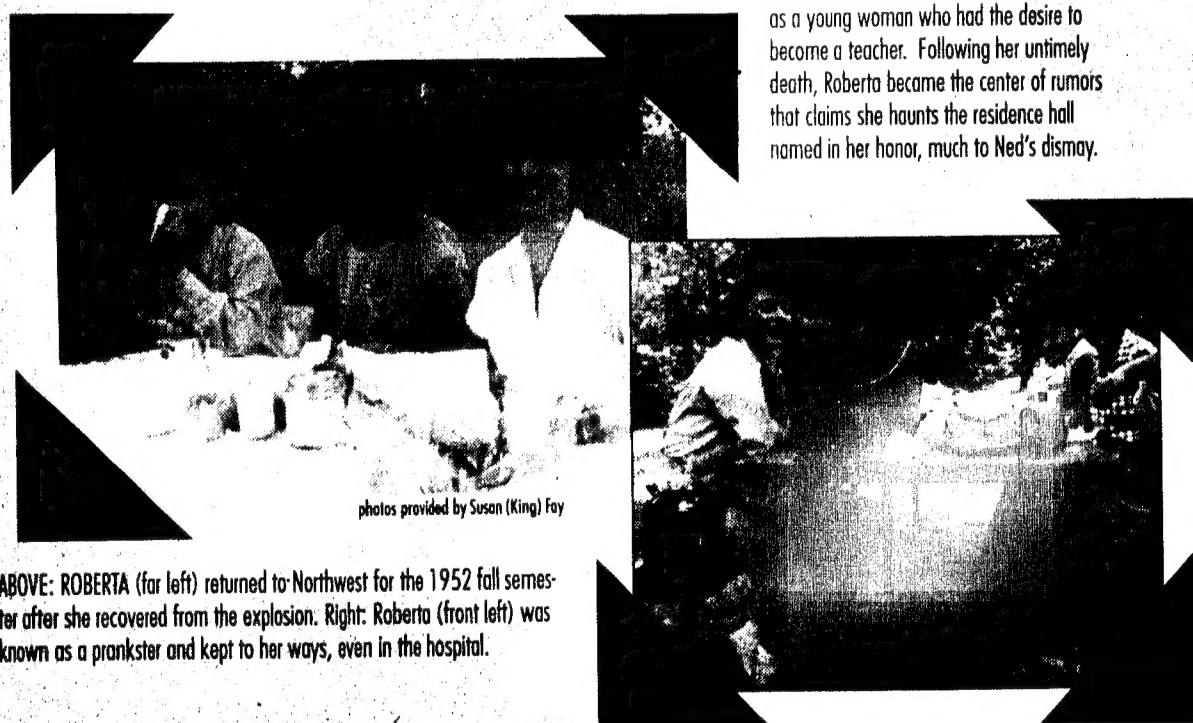
Committed to succeeding in education, Roberta also joined the Association for Childhood Education.

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NED STEEL REMEMBERS his baby sister as a young woman who had the desire to become a teacher. Following her untimely death, Roberta became the center of rumors that claims she haunts the residence hall named in her honor, much to Ned's dismay.



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ABOVE: ROBERTA (far left) returned to Northwest for the 1952 fall semester after she recovered from the explosion. Right: Roberta (front left) was known as a prankster and kept to her ways, even in the hospital.

ELECTION

Kay Barnes

Barnes, Graves pay visits to Maryville

Sam Graves

By Katie Luers
Chief Reporter

Congressional candidate Kay Barnes focused on her relationship with northwest Missouri during the Young Democrat meet-and-greet Oct. 3.

Barnes spoke about the economy, energy, health care and foreign policy, showing frustration with the Republican party.

When asked about the economy, she responded with a question.

"How did we get here in the first place?" Barnes asked.

A lack of oversight and regulation by the Republican administration is the cause of the economic problems, Barnes said.

She is not sure how she would have voted on the bailout issue, but was disappointed in the clauses the Senate added when the bill failed in the House, Barnes said.

She talked about her roots in the area to help connect to the voters. Both of her parents grew up in northwest Missouri. In fact, both parents graduated from Northwest, Barnes said.

See **BARNES** on A5

By Katie Luers
Chief Reporter

Several Nodaway County residents attended the county's Republican office opening where U.S. Congressman Sam Graves spoke last Thursday.

The office opened in the Robert Rice Law Firm LLC on Main Street.

Graves talked to his constituents about their concerns, including questions about the economy and energy.

He explained how he voted against the bailout bill because of the large expenses and lack of guarantees. The second version of the bill, recently passed by Congress, included \$100 billion in extra projects, Graves said.

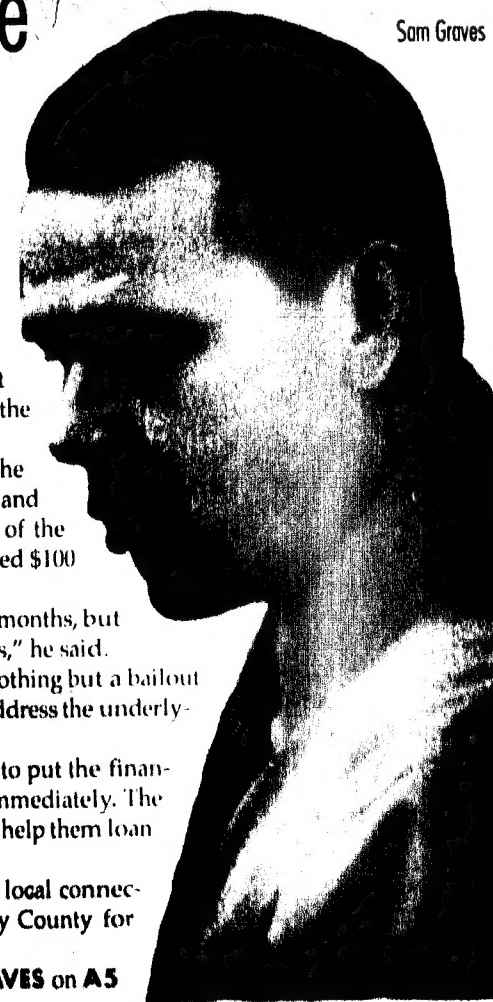
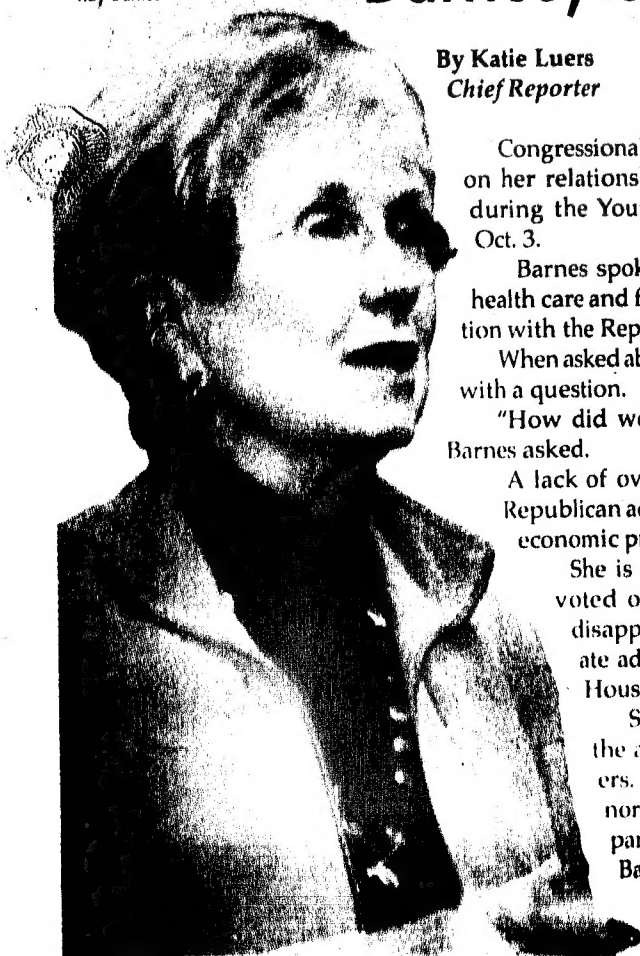
"We may be back to status quo in six months, but we'll be paying for this thing for 20 years," he said.

Graves described the bill as being "nothing but a bailout for Wall Street." The bailout bill did not address the underlying problems of the economy, he said.

He believes the United States needs to put the financial problems in the hand of the FDIC immediately. The FDIC would then work with the banks to help them loan money again, Graves said.

Graves asserted the fact that he has local connections to the area and relies on Nodaway County for support.

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OUR VIEW

Volunteers make useful resources during election

They give up their free afternoons, evenings and weekends to walk their neighborhood streets, knocking on the doors of strangers to discuss politics. They sit at a table in the Union, desperately trying to get your attention as they attempt to register you to vote.

They lick envelopes, canvass and phone bank. True, they usually have a bit of an agenda, a candidate or a cause they want to persuade you to believe in, but many stay more or less unbiased. Many just want to fill you with the same excitement and urgency they feel.

Drop by a campaign headquarters here in town, or an issues headquarters if you find yourself in a larger city, and you will find palpable anticipation. An awful lot of young people sacrifice their time, talents and/or money in this election, and it's important to know why.

It would be easy to believe the cynic's voice: they don't care about our future. They're in it for personal gain or just to stump their own point of view. This might be true for a lot of the faces you see on TV. It's not hard to believe the senators and congressmen are in it for the fame, influence or reelection.

The volunteers you meet may not agree with your views, but you cannot deny they believe in their causes, and they work hard for the future of our nation. If only such enthusiasm were contagious.

It's not enough to register. The next step is to inform yourself. These volunteers can be a great resource. Ask one of them why they support their candidate or their cause. They probably know a lot about it and would be happy to talk to you.

It doesn't mean you have to believe them, but opening yourself up to an opposing view can be a wonderful opportunity. Not only will you find out about another point of view, but it can also help strengthen your own previously held opinions. Either way, you emerge better informed.

Once you've decided whom you support, actually get out there and support them. It doesn't take a lot. If you don't feel comfortable, start out small. Work in the headquarters and work your way up to the more uncomfortable tasks of canvassing or phone banking.

Getting registered really is only the first step, and voting is not the second. Getting informed, deciding for whom and what to vote and spending your time to inform others are some other vital steps.

You are only one voice, and only one vote. If you want to make your vote count, band together with others who feel the same way. Safety in numbers is not an outdated phrase.

Whining on Nov. 5 that your candidate did not win will not be accepted if you sat at home all month and let others talk. Getting your voice out there needs to be as high a priority as getting out the vote.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am very disappointed in our representative, Sam Graves. Graves claims in his radio ads that Kay Barnes is out of touch with the area, and that she is putting the value of others ahead of the values of northwest Missouri. Additionally, Graves asserts that he was born and raised in this area and has strong ties to the community.

Despite his claims, Graves has refused to come visit Northwest for any sort of formal visit. He has been invited to a candidate's forum co-sponsored by a variety of student organizations and yet refuses to attend. If Graves has such strong ties to the community, why doesn't he show them by visiting?

Kay Barnes has made an effort to visit the school; her most recent visit was on Oct. 3, 2008. In such an exciting political year, with so many important issues on the table for all candidates, I feel that Sam is doing a disservice to his community by refusing to speak with such a large portion of his constituency.

Graves was in Maryville recently to help open the Republican headquarters in town. However, he refused to drive the extra tenth of a mile to visit the campus. To my knowledge, Graves has not been on the Northwest campus for a formal conversation with students and faculty for close to a decade. Many students, myself included, would like to hear from all sides of the political spectrum so that we can make an educated decision regarding our vote. By refusing to visit Northwest, Graves is depriving us of that opportunity.

Andrew Dufour
Senior

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MY VIEW

Iran's presidential election will also have big impact

The world has been drawn to Iran for some time now and most definitely as of late with concerns to the 5+1 nuclear talks with Iran (UN Security Council's permanent five members- China, Russia, France, United States and Great Britain- plus Germany).

However, one area that does have and will have a major impact on this, that is seldom discussed, is the upcoming Iranian presidential elections, taking place in June 2009.

But before I go into this, let's take a quick step back and briefly review a condensed version of the structure of government in Iran, which is extremely confusing and made very misleading by mainstream media.

Iran was declared an Islamic republic in 1979 after the revolution that removed the oppressive shah from power (whom the United States put into power despite Iran's attempts at democracy and liberalization). Although Iran formed a theocratic system of government in 1979, it was still created on a parliamentary base.

First, there is the head of state, which in most systems of government would denote a figure head with little power (take the Queen of



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

Great Britain for an example). However, Iran's head of state, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, holds the supreme power in Iran, and sets the country's domestic and foreign policies. Although not directly elected, the Supreme Leader is chosen from among the Assembly of Experts, which is elected by the people of Iran.

The powers of the Supreme Leader are vast and encompass virtually all areas of Iranian government. Three main powers I wish to point out include commander-in-chief of the armed forces (he is the only one who can declare war), the power to appoint members of the judiciary and Council of Guardians, which is the body that oversees Parliament; and determines whether or not the laws passed are compatible with Islamic law.

Second, there is the head of government, which in most systems of government would signify the one who makes key policy decisions. The Iranian president is directly elected by the people, and is unicameral, forming one chamber. The Parliament formulates legislation, although supervised by the Council of Guardians (six of the 12 members are appointed by the Supreme Leader),

and his powers mainly deal with the economic policies and participation on the Supreme Security Council, which preserves the national sovereignty of Iran. But keep in mind the Supreme Leader still oversees these powers, and has the "final say," so to speak.

Third, the Iranian parliament is directly elected by the people, and is unicameral, forming one chamber. The Parliament formulates legislation, although supervised by the Council of Guardians (six of the 12 members are appointed by the Supreme Leader),

which can refer legislation back to Parliament for revision if it is determined to be non-compatible with Islamic law.

So why even talk about the Iranian presidential elections then if the Supreme Leader is the force in the background?

Already, the Supreme Leader has given his backing to current President Ahmadinejad, which in itself gives a portion of the power to the president. What I mean by this is the Supreme Leader is, in a way, saying he agrees with the president's current policy direction and stands by that policy direction.

Another point I wish to discuss is the reformist candidate, which speaks of the chance of reform within the Iranian constitution. Without a possibility for reform of government in the constitution, there would be no opposition in the government's party system.

Yes, I contend Iran is fairly closed compared to most systems of government around the world. However, governments must evolve alongside its society. Change in government cannot happen if the society cannot support such change.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Northwest Homecoming weekend, those attending the parade will notice some individuals wearing yellow aprons handing out Tootsie Rolls. In addition, individuals will be handing out Tootsie Rolls at some of the larger businesses the evening prior to homecoming. After the celebration of Masses at St. Gregory's Church that weekend, individuals will also be handing out Tootsie Rolls. These individuals are members of the Local Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary for the Knights.

With donations received from the Tootsie Rolls, the Knights have contributed to many organizations, both locally and within the state of Missouri. Half of the donations go to the Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis to help fund the Knights of Columbus Development Center located there. The center is for children diagnosed with developmental disabilities. The rapid response of appropriate educational and medical goals has the potential to impact significantly on the child's future functionality. The other half of the donations remains locally. Recent purchases to the Sheltered Workshop have included the following items: A wood burning furnace, picnic tables, gas barbecue grill, popcorn popper, three microwave ovens, two industrial cooling fans, clothes washer and dryer and a water cooler. Donations have also been made to the Association of Group Homes, which included a barbecue grill. In addition, donations have been made for the Special Olympics and Missouri Special Olympics and bowling ramps that are handicapped accessible.

When these individuals walk by you holding out a Tootsie Roll for those that are young and young at heart, please be generous! As our state chairman for this program says "We can make a difference for God's special people."

Russ Schuster
Member, Knights of Columbus

CAMPUS TALK

What effect has text messaging had on our society?



"It makes things faster and easier,"
Minka Foster
Education



"I think it's changing our language and decreasing our use of grammar,"
Raquel Kemna
Science



"Texting has made communication more readily available,"
Brandon Clark
International Business/
Spanish



"I don't even call people anymore,"
Brit Bahr
Elementary Education



"It takes away from people talking to each other. It's making conversation impersonal,"
Ehren Ekhouse
Medicine

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 28

Larceny, ongoing investigation, 300 block of N. Buchanan

Oct. 2

Karen S. Ebrecht, 42, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 1400 block of S. Main

Oct. 4

Jonathan L. Davis, 25, Hopkins, Mo., disorderly conduct, 200 block of S. Main

Fraud, ongoing investigation, 400 block of N. Main

Oct. 5

Darci L. Wray, 25, St. Joseph, Mo., assault, 300 block of N. Market

Hans E. Plackemeier, 22, Maryville, failure to comply, 100 block of W. Seventh

Tyler J. Sledge, 18, Maryville, minor in possession, 200 block of W. 12th

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 200 block of W. Second

Oct. 6

Forgery, ongoing investigation, 1100 block of N. College

John R. Syferd, 26, Maryville, improper registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility

Boyd D. Wagner, 33, St. Joseph, Mo., wanted on warrant - failure to appear, 400 block of N. Market

Trespass, ongoing investigation, 300 block of W. Third

Oct. 7

Disorderly conduct, ongoing investigation, 1400 block of E. Third

Oct. 8

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 100 block of N. Country Club

Oct. 9

Kalvin M. Caruth, 24, Maryville, dog at large, 200 block of E. Third

Wen Jig Zhao, 18, Maryville, under 19 in a bar, possession of another's identification, 300 block of N. Market

Benjamin L. Jackson, 18, St. Joseph, Mo., possession of an altered/fictitious license, under 19 in a bar, 300 block of N. Market

Oct. 10

Carrie E. Jones, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., possession of an altered/fictitious identification, 300 block of N. Market

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 1000 block of N. Buchanan

Oct. 11

Dennis A. James, 25, Maryville, assault, 300 block of N. Main

Disorderly conduct, ongoing investigation, 300 block of N. Water

Lost/stolen plate, ongoing investigation, 200 block of E. Third

Oct. 12

Burglary, ongoing investigation, 1500 block of S. Munn

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 1500 block of S. Munn

Burglary, ongoing investigation, 1000 block of N. Country Club

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 400 block of W. Cooper

ACCIDENTS

Sept. 27

Conrad A. Hooper, 18, Odessa, Mo., collided with a vehicle owned by William J. Harr, Maryville, at the intersection of South Buchanan and West Thompson.

Oct. 3

Richard J. Demeulenaere, 61, Maryville, collided with Whitney R. Hahaway, 21, Maryville, at the intersection of East Third and North Laura.

Richard R. Long, 18, Maitland, Mo., collided with Michelle M. Trester, 21, Kansas City, at the intersection of West Halsey and South Buchanan.

GRAVES: excites voters

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"Nodaway County has always been one of my strongest counties by far," he said.

With so many Republican retirements this year in the House of Representatives, Graves relies heavily on his rural base to keep the Republican seat in Congress, he said.

The Sixth District he represents is very diverse, including both cities and rural areas, Graves said.

Other issues he discussed were his support of lower taxes and being more energy efficient.

Maryville resident Gayla Striplin thinks that Graves does a good job of representing everyone in the community. His knowledge of different areas helps, she said.

The economy effected Striplin as a small business owner. She sells Yorkshire Terriers and doesn't know what will hap-

pen with the economy and her business, she said.

"It scares you, you don't know what to do," Striplin said.

Even her mother said it's the worst the economy has been in 80 years, Striplin said.

Nodaway County Republican Central Committee Chair Robert Rice opened the Republican Office in his own law office. As elected chairman Rice wants to keep the Republican office open as often as possible, he said.

Rice is also a supporter of Sam Graves and knows there is a solid conservative base in Nodaway County.

People would be surprised at the amount of conservative students at the university as well, Rice said.

The College Republicans are headed by Abbie Lehman and will discuss area candidates and future events. The group meets at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Colden 3350.

BARNES: discusses election

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She worked as mayor of Kansas City for two terms. After her second term she decided to run for Congress, Barnes said.

"I couldn't stand what I saw happening in the country," Barnes said. Barnes has supporters among students on campus. Senior Elizabeth Sexton grew up in Kansas City, Mo. and saw what Kay Barnes accomplished as mayor.

"She's been a leader in the Democratic Party for a long time," Sexton said.

It's an honor for her to talk to university students, she said.

Sexton has noticed a change in the student body with the campaigning going on.

"I see more students getting aware," Sexton said.

Barnes is determined to develop her connection with rural areas, such as Maryville, as a politician. One of her main concerns is the lack of economic development in rural areas. Another concern is the declining rural population, Barnes said.

The Northwest Young Democrat Group on campus will put on events for the other area democrat candidates.

"I will appoint to my staff a senior person with experience in rural economic development," Barnes said.

Part of this economic development includes alternative energy sources in rural areas. There needs to be a major focus on shifting to an alternative energy approach, and we are ideally located for wind energy, Barnes said.

Other issues Barnes covered include health care and foreign policy issues. In health care she supports a public-private partnership comparative to what the Barack Obama campaign supports, Barnes said.

Barnes main foreign policy conflict dealt with the Iraq conflict and how to remove troops quickly and effectively. Finally Barnes discussed her campaign and the difficulties of running against an incumbent congressman.

"We are going to get this done," Barnes said. "We have four-plus weeks to really bring it home."

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OBITUARIES

Velma Durell Spurgin Wilmes, 69, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008 at the Nodaway Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Dec. 3, 1938 in Red Boiling Springs, Tenn. She was the daughter of Charlie D. and Allie Jane (Davis) Coonce. She was of the Protestant Faith and had previously worked as a custodian at Northwest Missouri State University.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Wilmes in 1987 and former husband, Frank L. Spurgin in 2004. She is survived by her loving children, Matt Spurgin and wife Tina, Pickering, Mo.; Cathy Day and husband Bill, Skidmore, Mo.; Lynette Patterson and husband Brad, Graham, Mo.; Brenda Blakeslee and husband Lee, St. Joseph, Mo.; brothers Charles Coonce and wife Margaret, Cove, Tenn.; Billy Coons, Columbia, Tenn.; sisters Mildred Carson, Nashville, Tenn.; Alma Holloway, Lancaster, Calif.; Clez Jenkins, Gainesboro, Tenn.; grandchildren, Dustin and Julie Day, T.J. and Miranda Spurgin, Tacia Benight and husband, Josh, Jamie Madden and husband to Nick, Cheyenne Blakeslee, Trent Lett; great grandchildren, Allie Day, Austin, Alora, Rylee; Annie Benight and Alexis Turner.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 the Danfelt Funeral Home, 951 S. Main Street, Maryville with the Rev. Paul McKim, officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home tonight from 6 to 8 p.m., and friends may call anytime after 9 a.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Online condolences and tributes may be left by visiting Danfeltfuneralhome.com.

Elmo Trimble, 87, Maryville, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008 at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville.

He was born Dec. 16, 1920 in Columbia, Mo., the son of O.G. and Florence (Long) Trimble. A graduate of Maryville High School, Elmo married Vera Louise Coffelt on May 10, 1941.

He owned and operated Trimble Oil Company, serving Maryville and the surrounding community for many years.

Elmo was one of the original organizers, and, member of the Laura Street Baptist Church, here in Maryville, where he had served in many positions including that of Deacon. He had served on the Maryville City Council and the Planning and Zoning Board.

Elmo was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother: Esper Grifflin Trimble and a brother: Gene Trimble.

Survivors include his wife, Vera, of their home; children: Shirley Stovall, Dallas; Duane Trimble, Loveland, Colo.; Rosemary Ledgewood, Graham, Mo.; Coleen Trimble, Overland Park, Kan. and Kevin Trimble, Kansas City, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and a sister: Morine Burchett, Lincoln, Neb.

Visitation will be 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008 at Laura Street Baptist Church, Maryville, with services there at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Maryville.

Memorials may be made to Laura Street Baptist Church in Elmo's name.

HOW OUR POLITICAL PARTIES ARE BANKRUPTING OUR FUTURE AND WHAT AMERICANS CAN DO ABOUT IT.

After present incumbent Bob Westfall was elected North District Commissioner four years ago, I gave him a copy of Running on Empty by Pete Peterson because as John McCain said then: "This book should be required reading for everyone involved in public policy and anyone who cares about America's future."

Peterson is a University of Chicago trained economist who served as Secretary of Commerce in the Nixon administration. He recently endowed a foundation with one billion dollars to promote economic and political reform. That foundation is currently sponsoring the documentary movie "I. O. U. S. A." to raise public awareness about the consequences of our trade and budget deficits.

The Trade and Budget Deficit Problem

The U.S. now depends on foreign capital to finance both a trade deficit of more than \$700 billion and a \$400 billion federal budget deficit. Today, foreign lenders hold about half of America's public debt, and the nation relies on them to finance more than 70% of its new debt.

In his book, Peterson warns that the future of our nation is imperiled by the long-term structural deficit created by the "huge and growing imbalance between what our federal government has promised to pay in future benefits and what it can reasonably expect to collect in future taxes." Our nation's reliance on foreign capital to finance our increasing deficits further imperils the global economy.

Peterson blames Republicans and Democrats alike for creating this dangerous situation through out-of-control spending and reckless tax cuts. "This strategy," he writes, "continues to foster chronic federal deficits, to divert serious attention from either the objectives or the distribution of federal spending, and to lock both parties into a partisan gridlock over fiscal policy."

The Need for Economic and Political Reform

Peterson argues that the fear of public backlash is the reason our lawmakers are failing to make the difficult decisions needed to reverse the adverse economic impacts of our trade and budget deficits. He advocates raising public awareness as a solution to this failure

of political leadership, reasoning that if the public understands why such hard choices have to be made, then lawmakers will be more likely to make those choices.

Peterson further advocates Social Security and Medicare reform to make the federal budget "sustainable over the long haul." He also urges reform of the federal budget process by developing a comprehensive long-term budget so the public can understand our government's financial status, and by reinstating the Budget Enforcement Act. The BEA requires new entitlements or tax-cuts to be offset by equal entitlement cuts or tax-hikes elsewhere in the budget (known as "paygo" for "pay as you go").

To make legislative races more competitive, he suggests: (1) End gerrymandering by adopting the "Iowa Plan", which specifies neutral mapmaking rules that automatically generate new district lines following each census; (2) Neutralize the campaign funding problem by having broadcasters donate free airtime to candidates so that all "have a fair chance to be seen and heard" (pointing out the public provided those airwave rights "for free").

Relevance to North District Race

Granted, these issues should be being discussed by our Presidential and Congressional candidates who have the power of reform. But these issues are also relevant to state and local political races because we can no longer look to federal largess to fund local needs.

This means our county government will have to carefully prioritize our needs, and seek new means to fund them. It also means that we need to seek solutions on a regional basis because these are challenges in common, and there is more power to foster change when acting in concert with other office holders and concerned citizens.

I am committed to fulfilling the traditional duties of North District Commissioner -- administering the county budget, overseeing our roads and bridges, and maintaining our other public infrastructure. But I would further use the office to promote economic and political reforms like those discussed above. This is part of the greater vision that I would bring to the office.

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Once upon a txt ...

Faculty member enters unique story contest

By Sean Callahan
Missourian Reporter

She pushed the "send" button on her phone, and the last part of her story was delivered. Weeks later, that same phone started to ring, delivering the good news. She was a finalist.

Lauren Leach-Steffens, an associate professor in Northwest's Family and Consumer Science Department, entered the Newtree chocolate company's "Gr8 Am. Txt Story" contest in August. She submitted a 216-word story, a process taking 12 text messages to complete due to the limited number of characters allowed in a message.

The grand prize is an iPhone and a year's supply of chocolate. Leach-Steffens already owns an iPhone, but said she worked out a deal with her husband, Richard.

"He gets the iPhone. I get the chocolate," she said.

The story's plot revolves around a misunderstanding in which a man assumes the worst after the woman he loves asks for forgiveness. In the end, he finds her source of guilt is far less sinister.

Leach-Steffens said she can relate to the fictional couple's confusion. She has been married about a year and a half, and said she can imagine having a conversation with Richard

similar to the one in her story.

"We're still practically newbies. When you're a newlywed, sometimes a conversation can go bizarrely wrong," she said.

Leach-Steffens uses text messages to communicate with Richard and a few friends, but said she sticks mostly to e-mail.

"I probably don't text as much as the average 20-year-old," she said.

Newtree required entries to include the names of all 11 of their chocolates, such as "Rejoice" and "Pleasure."

"Forgiveness" proved most difficult for Leach-Steffens to use initially, but formed a foundation for her plot once she found a place for it, she said.

Merchandising instructor Beth Goudge said she was not surprised to hear about Leach-Steffens' success in the contest.

"She's quick-thinking and a creative writer, and she enjoys a challenge," Goudge said.

Newtree wanted a contest that would let people have fun, and also draw attention to the creative names of their products, Newtree's Marketing Vice President Jimmie Cooper said.

"It took some work to do each entry as opposed to just signing up for a contest. We were really happy with the entries that came in," Cooper said.

The grand prize contest will be judged by Newtree CEO Louis Brouillet, Bon Appetit columnist Molly Wizenberg and pastry chef Pichet Ong.

Leach-Steffens feels confident about her entry's chances. "I'm biased, but I like mine the best," she said.

Leach-Steffens teaches Resource Management courses in the Family and Consumer Science Department. She started teaching at Northwest in fall of 1998.

This would be her first win in a writing contest, but she is already looking for more opportunities to write creatively, she said.

"I always thought I could write a really good television commercial, and I'd love to write a romance novel," she said.

Voting for the People's Choice Award took place on Newtree's Web site and ended last Friday. The contestant receiving the most votes will win a \$50 iTunes gift card and a chocolate gift pack. The company was originally scheduled to announce the grand prize and People's Choice Award winners Monday, but hadn't done so as of press time on Wednesday.

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She could also be seen at Bearcat games cheering the home team as a member of Barkatz, a pep club that promoted Northwest athletics.

Life was good for Roberta. She was at a new school and she was making new friends, especially at Residence Hall, Northwest's dormitory for women, where she lived along with her cousin, Susan (King) Fay.

"She liked to pull pranks on people," Fay said, "and she was just a fun little gal."

As good as things were, everything came to a tragic halt in one night, April 28, 1951. It was a night that changed Ned and Fay's life forever.

A gas tank owned by St. Joseph Light and Power, located just a few yards behind Residence Hall on the Wabash train tracks, exploded, sending flames into the dormitory.

Fay, Roberta and friends just returned from a night out. The group gathered in Roberta's room to socialize.

"There were four of us in the room," Fay said. "It was after dates and things."

Suddenly, the tank exploded.

"This fireball came in," Fay recalls. "There was lots of debris in the hall, but we just felt our way out."

Just as the tank exploded, Roberta walked across the room. She wasn't in the shower as other publicized reports may claim.

"She had gotten up and was going to the bathroom," Ned said. "That ball of fire hit that window just as she walked by."

Flames from the explosion were reportedly seen 70 miles away.

Upon exiting the building, residents were assisted by nearby citizens and students who took them to St. Francis Hospital.

"Somebody helped me into a car and I was just taken there," Fay said.

Local Air Force servicemen who rushed to the scene helped Roberta, Ned said, later that night a phone call

informed his parents of the explosion. By morning they made their way to Maryville.

Ned remembers seeing Roberta in the hospital.

"She was really burned bad, she was just covered with bandages," he said. "My mother ... she was a nervous wreck, she just came unglued."

Roberta suffered severe burns to areas of her face and upper body, Ned can't remember how much, but Fay suffered second-degree burns on one side of her body.

"It was kind of touch and go in the very beginning with Roberta," Ned said. "She toughed it out. She stayed kind of upbeat through all of it, she's a tough little soldier."

Treatment for Roberta and other burn victims was a new drug, cortisone. Despite the unknown side effects, Roberta's parents decided to go with it.

"You got a kid that's burned bad and infection's a big problem and the doctors say 'We have a new drug,' you say 'Go for it,'" Ned said.

Ned and his cousin Homer King, Fay's brother, drove around

Northwest Missouri looking for cortisone at drug stores.

"We'd call and if Bethany, Mo., the drug store, had three bottles, we went and got it for the hospital," Ned said.

Improving in the coming weeks and months, Roberta continued her mischievous ways even with her friends in the hospital.

"They got a little toy mouse and put it on a string," Ned remembers.

The girls gave the string a tug when hospital staff walked by.

Meanwhile, Ned was arguing with his mother, Ella. He thought she should sue St. Joseph Light and Power.

"But she didn't do that," he said. "The college's insurance paid for the hospital bills. They didn't cover all the medication and that's all my mother ever got was that the bills were paid."

Within weeks, Roberta got out of the critical stage

and eventually improved enough to go home.

"She had a positive attitude about it," Ned said. "She was not bitter, she did not hold a grudge against anybody or say 'why.'"

In no time Roberta was back to her old routines. She returned to work with kids at the YWCA and summer camps until it was time to go back to Northwest, but the doctors didn't think it was a good idea.

"They didn't think she was ready," Ned said.

Roberta's skin had a yellowish tint as a result of the treatments for her injuries.

"They didn't know what was wrong and they didn't want her to go back to school," Ned said.

But Roberta didn't take "no" for an answer.

"She could be very firm," Ned said. "We've all been that way; my older sister (Carolyn), myself, we don't take 'no' for an answer very easily."

Classes began for the 1952 fall semester and Roberta was in Maryville picking up where she left off.

"It was good for her to be with her friends," Fay said.

The semester progressed, but by Thanksgiving, Roberta's health took a turn for the worse.

"She was not doing very good and the doctors put her back in the hospital," Ned said. "I thought she'd come out of it."

He wanted to help, but all Ned could do was watch his sister get worse.

"You watch," he said. "There's nothing you can do."

Roberta died on her 20th birthday, Nov. 29, 1952. The cortisone treatments damaged her liver.

"That's what really killed her," Ned said. "That's what the autopsy showed; (doctors) thought that the cortisone had done that."

Carolyn sent a telegram to the college notifying President J.W. Jones of Roberta's death.

Overwhelming for the entire family, Ella took Roberta's death hard. She lost her husband and youngest daughter all in the same year.

Ned Steel Sr. died that February.

"It was a lot tougher on my mother than it was on me," Ned said. "My mom was a strong little woman. Her church kept her going the rest of her life."

Nearly a decade after Roberta's death, the Northwest Board of Regents voted to rename Residence Hall in June 1961 to honor Roberta.

"I thought that was a very nice thing," Ned said. "It's a very good memorial to my little sister."

The women's dormitory was officially renamed Roberta Hall when classes began for the 1961-62 school year.

Strange things apparently started occurring. A piano playing from the basement in the middle of the night, lights turning on and off and pictures falling off the wall are just some of the things reported in Roberta Hall over the years.

Residents began saying Roberta's ghost was responsible. The rumors, spread and Roberta became a campus legend.

Internet search engines reveal published reports proclaiming Northwest is haunted by Roberta's spirit. Ned, however, is bitter about them.

"I don't like it," he said, clenching his teeth. "I don't think anybody's spirit is in that building. I think there's material goods in that building that holds it up and together; concrete, brick, that's what's in the building."

Believing in any kind of spirits, Ned says is a waste of time.

"I think anybody that spends their time dwelling on why the radio comes on or goes off in Roberta Hall doesn't have much value for their time," Ned said. "I don't know that my sister is popular, I don't know that building is popular, it's just there and it has my sister's name."

Roberta never graduated, never married and never had a family of her own. With her death, Ned feels part of his life is lost.

"I've lost a lot of years with her," he said "and who knows, maybe little nieces and nephews, that never happened. That's a part of me that's taken away, that's gone."

Fay not only misses the family connection, but the friendship as well.

"I just wonder how much we would've been together through the years and enjoyed each other's families," she said.

She'll always be memorialized at Northwest, with a residence hall, but Ned found his own way to honor Roberta. He named his daughter after his late sister.

"She was a cute little bitty thing," Ned said. "I just looked at her and thought of Roberta."



Roberta Steel

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Soccer Game	8:00 PM
Homecoming Buffet	8:00 PM
Homecoming Video Show	7:00 PM
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Oct. 11	Fall Classic at Arrowhead - K.C.	1:30 pm
Oct. 18	at Central Missouri	1:30 pm
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Top 3 picks

By Jennifer Herron
Missourian Reporter

New on the shelves: "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks was released Sept. 30. U.S. Marine, Logan Thibault, finds a forgotten photo in the sand on a beach in Iraq. The picture of a beautiful girl at a fair in an undisclosed location is simply signed "From E." The picture seems to bring luck to Thibault, who finds himself suddenly winning poker games and survives a battle that claims two close comrades, lives. Thibault goes in search of the girl when he returns to the states, using clues in the background of the photo as a map. The reader grows instantly close with the soft-hearted Marine, as well as another character, Elizabeth, a single mom from North Carolina. Sparks is no stranger to page-turners and this account of two people and the paths that connect their hearts is no exception.

Festive DVD being re-released: It's the 30th anniversary of "Halloween." Fans of the slasher series can celebrate this week with the release "Halloween: 30th Anniversary Collection," which was released on Tuesday. The collection includes the original 1978 restored version, "Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers" (1988), "Halloween 5: Revenge of Michael Myers" (1989) and "Halloween: 25 Years of Terror" (2006). The box set, \$89.97, comes with a Michael Myers mask. To those who love these movies, don't celebrate Halloween without it.

New in theaters: "Sex Drive" with James Marsden ("2 Dresses," "Hair-spray") and Josh Zuckerman ("CSI: Miami," fifth season) hits theaters tomorrow. "American Pie" meets "Road Trip" in this R-rated flick. Zuckerman plays a virgin nerd who falls in love with a blonde over the Internet. He takes two buddies along with him as he goes in search of his lover. Raunchiness and hilarity ensue. The king of cameos, Seth Green, plays Ezekiel, an Amish man with a love for hot rods.

STROLLER

Your Man h8s txt msgs, not lol

Due to the lack of usage, Your Man predicts all speakers will be removed from cell phones in the coming years.

Honestly, how many people do you see actually using the devices for calls anymore? That's right, very few are hitting the keys to dial a number, which would eventually lead them to a human voice. Instead, everyone and their mothers are pounding the keys with a different intention — texting.

This form of communication is slowly diminishing as social skills our society might have left, and it doesn't seem to be slowing down any time soon.

It's hard to go anywhere and not see someone tapping away on their fancy phones they bought specifically for texting purposes. What's really annoying, however, is when they can't tear themselves away when they are actually engaging in a face-to-face conversation with someone.

There is nothing more aggravating than when someone starts texting mid-conversation. I understand if they say something along the lines of "excuse me, but I need to check this really fast," or other polite remarks, but to just keep tapping away while giving the occasional nod and "uh-huh" response is enough to piss Your Man off.

The basis of this annoyance comes from the people who don't know how to pick up a telephone and call someone anymore. Sure, texting is fine if you want to send a quick "hello" or other small information, but people who rely on texting for their only type of communication really need to brush up their social skills.

Your Man heard the perfect example of textaholism just last week when he overheard someone ranting



The Stroller

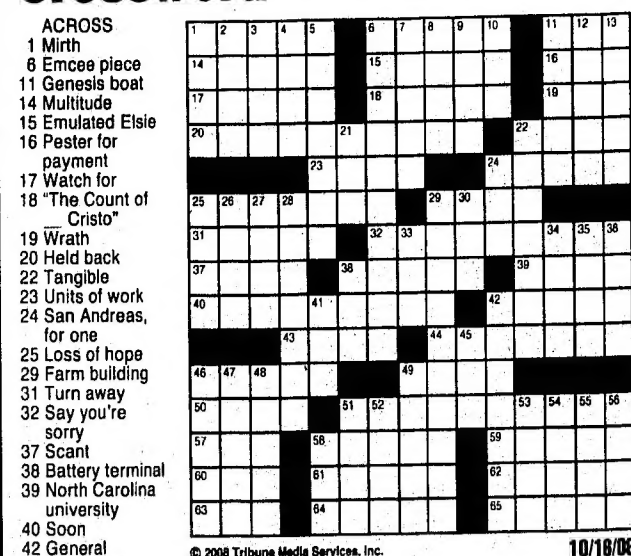
about his recent breakup. Things had been somewhat rocky for the couple for a few days, when suddenly, a lovely tone went off indicating a received text. Instead of the typical, "Hey, what's up?" text they were expecting, it was a breakup — in textual form.

What really confuses Your Man about this situation is the fact someone is really that stupid. How one person can be so low, and break up with someone via text message is really something to ponder and cuss.

If this is really what our society has in store for this generation and generations to come, we're screwed.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

Crossword



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ACROSS	DOWN
1 Birth	1 How cool starts?
6 Escape piece	2 Goodie of the NHL
11 Genesis boat	3 Concludes
14 Multitude	4 Correct galaxy
15 Emulated Elsie	5 Backpedal
16 Pester for payment	6 Green card
17 Watch for	7 Showdown times
18 "The Count of Cristo"	8 Sound quality
19 Wrath	9 Part of AARP
20 Field back	10 Pinder poem
21 Tangible	11 Fairwell
22 Units of work	12 Pastoral
23 San Andreas	13 Prepared to be
24 Loss of hope	14 Knight
25 Farm building	15 "Ezra" hero
26 Lost of hope	16 Texas team
27 June celebrant	17 To's partner
28 Woe	18 Wetland
29 Disgrace	19 At any point
30 Chang's twin	20 Very dry
31 Stubble	21 Addie seasoning
32 Trace	22 Hired protection
33 Fr. holy woman	23 Pub offering
34 Adds seasoning	24 French islands
35 Facilitated	25 Basketball defense
	26 Concludes
	27 Boundary plant
	28 Open to view
	29 Snaky letter
	30 Having a will
	31 Coffee holder
	32 Capitol workers
	33 Meager
	34 Boundary neighbor
	35 Open to view
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THE EXTRA POINT

Pro wrestling makes use of great athletes

Professional wrestling may not be a real sport, but no one can deny the business is full of the world's greatest athletes.

The world of professional wrestling features Olympic gold medalists, college athletes, world's strongest man champions and other professional athletes who jump the barrier into pro wrestling.

Kurt Angle won the gold medal in the 1996 Olympics in the 100 kilogram amateur wrestling division.

There are also many former D-I



Dustin Sander
Asst. Sports Editor

athletes such as Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson who played football for the University of Miami and won the national championship with the Hurricanes in 1991.

Mark Henry competed in the World's Strongest Man competitions before joining pro wrestling.

Professional athletes like Dennis Rodman, Karl Malone, Adam "Deman" Jones, Mike Tyson and Floyd Mayweather have all played roles in pro wrestling.

I can't think of many athletes

from other sports who can lift a man their size or larger, and then proceed to throw the other man eight feet and through a table. The same guy could turn around and jump over a man his size and continue to do this for up to an hour.

However, the most impressive attribute of wrestlers are their tolerance to pain. Most perform five to seven days a week all year long when professional football players only play once a week for 16 weeks. It is not uncommon to see wrestlers jump from 20 feet in the air and land on their backs and jump up to continue the match. They will also willingly accept blows to their bodies from weapons ranging from chairs to vehicles. Wrestlers also

continue to perform day in and day out with broken bones and countless other injuries, which you will not see in any actual sport.

There is no denying these people are the best athletes in the world. I may be a wrestling fan, but I am not ignorant enough to think this is real. The athletes practice and rehearse everything they are doing to ensure their safety the best they can. Many punches and kicks don't actually make contact and many of the cuts are not genuine.

So if someone wanted to watch a display of pure athleticism, which could not be seen on ESPN, tuning in to watch the WWE would be worth their time.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Marc's picks
Prediction record (15-12)
NCAA Lock

Florida Int. at Troy — Troy I'm going a little out of left field with this one. I must admit I know absolutely nothing about either team. If John Elway's clone is quarterbacking Florida International I wouldn't know it, but Troy's a pretty big favorite.

NCAA Upset
Miss. St. at Tennessee — Miss. St. In case no one's heard, I hate Phil Fulmer. He's the worst coach in college football, and I just know he'll find a way to lose for me this weekend. The Vols are so bad he's might be fired at halftime.

NFL Lock
NY Jets at Oakland — NY Jets I'm not sold on Al Davis, Jamar Russell or anything Oakland Raiders related. That franchise is in ruins, and they have the Crypt Keeper Al Davis to thank. I won't pick them to win again this season.

NFL Upset
Baltimore at Miami — Baltimore If the Raven's offense can just find a way to move the ball a little, they can take down the Dolphins. I don't think the stout Raven defense will let the Wildcats beat them.

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks
Prediction record (13-15)
NCAA Lock

Nebraska at Iowa St. — Big Red I am nervous about picking this game because everytime I pick Nebraska they lose, but I truly think this is the safest lock of the week. NU finally got some positive motivation against Texas Tech, hopefully they take advantage of it.

NCAA Upset
Kansas State at Colorado — K St. This is going to be a great game. This is biased though, I hate CU. The Buffs might be a better team, but I think Josh Freeman leads the 'Cats past those Bevo freaks.

NFL Lock
Indianapolis at Green Bay — Indy I was joking with a friend who is a big Colts fan, saying Eli is the better Manning bro now. After watching him last week, he might still have a little learning to do. Peyton has been struggling, but will get it done against the Pack.

NFL Upset
Minnesota at Chi-town — Vikes Last to make NFL picks and not a whole lot out there for us pets. When all else fails, always pick against Dustin.

Woody's picks
Prediction record (14-14)
NCAA Lock

Missouri at Texas — Texas The Tigers will never beat a quality opponent until Gary Pinkell breaks down and installs a short yardage formation to score inside the one-yard line, and convert short yardage plays. See last week's game, and the last several games against the Sooners.

NCAA Upset
Ohio St. at Michigan St. — MSU Michigan State's Javon Ringer leads the Big Ten in rushing and points. The Buckeyes' Terrence Pryor is still learning the college game and he will be throwing against the Big Ten interception leader, Otis Wiley.

NFL Lock
Saints at Panthers — Carolina The Saints' offense got rolling against Oakland, but so what?

NFL Upset
Denver at New England — Den. With Laurence Maroney questionable, it puts more stress on Matt Cassell to make plays. Despite the fact he has Randy Moss at his disposal, I'm giving the edge to Denver's trio of Cutler, Royal and Marshall.

Dustin's picks
Prediction record (15-13)
NCAA Lock

LSU at South Carolina — LSU LSU lost in the swamp to a great Florida team but this week when they travel to South Carolina they are coming home with a win. Steve Spurrier's Gamecocks won't be able to keep the Tigers under control.

NCAA Upset
Wisconsin at Iowa — Wisconsin The Badgers started off the season ranked high in the polls so that tells me they have some talent. I'm not a Big Ten fan so I can't say I know a whole about either team so I'm just picking.

NFL Lock
Minn. at Chicago — Chicago The Vikings needed a field goal to come back and beat the Lions last week. There is no way the Vikes can beat an OK Chicago team in Chicago.

NFL Upset
New Orleans at Carolina — N.O. The Reggie Bush show and the Saints are high powered and find ways to make plays. The Panthers were nearly shut out by the Bucs last week and the Saints nearly shut out the Raiders, it's simple math.

WHAT TO WATCH

Marc's TV picks
Saturday

• Mississippi at Alabama, CBS, 2:30 p.m. — Ole Miss already pulled the upset on Florida maybe they'll do it again on Nick Saban. I sure hope so.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

• Indy at Green Bay, CBS, 3:15 — This should be an exciting game. In all honesty, I might still be asleep at this time.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Brian's TV picks
Saturday

• Nebraska at Iowa State, Versus, 11:30 a.m. — Bo Pelini and the Huskers gave us fans something last week we haven't felt in a while...hope.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday

• PBA Chris Paul Celebrity Doubles Invitational, ESPN, noon — I was on the bowling team in high school and everyone says it isn't a real sport.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Woody's TV picks
Saturday

• Missouri vs Texas, ABC, 7:15 p.m. — We'll see if Pinkell finally implements a two-back set to score from inside the one-yard line.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

• Boston University vs. New Hampshire, ESPN, 4 p.m. — Yep, college hockey.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Dustin's TV picks
Saturday

• Kansas at Oklahoma, ABC, 2:30 p.m. — I get to watch Oklahoma get back on their feet after their loss to Texas last week. Plus, this game will be a great warm up to watch Missouri at Texas.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

• Titans at Chiefs, CBS, noon — I'm ready to see the Chiefs play after their bye week. Who knows, maybe they found some way to turn things around.

Days rating (4 of 5)

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VOLLEYBALL

Lincoln Prep sent packing in sweep

By Brian Bosiljevic
University Sports Editor

After getting off to a slow start, the Spoofhound volleyball team sent Lincoln Preparatory Academy back to Kansas City empty handed Monday night.

The 'Hounds won the contest 2-0 (25-20, 25-10).

Maryville took control of first game jumping out to 14-5. Lincoln Prep put together a rally bringing the score to 19-18 before the 'Hounds finished the set with a win.

"We kind of talked about it a little after the first game," head coach Lori Klaus said. "We had a little bit of miscommunication errors. We were not transitioning well off the net. We would come off the net, play the ball and we would kind of be standing off, just really not playing our positions the best we could. We looked kind of just a little bit lazy, kind of just playing good enough to win. We talked about how we needed to dominate and play our game the whole time and prepare ourselves for games in the future."

Juniors Libbey Howell and Jordan Stiens agreed saying the 'Hounds were not challenging themselves in the first game and played down to the level of their opponents.

In contrast to the first game, in game two the 'Hounds struck early and never let up.

"We had a lot more communication," Stiens said. "We were more ready for the ball than in game one and took better control of the ball."

With only three games left, the 'Hounds are focused on achieving their goal they set at the beginning of the season: winning districts.

Howell said for the team to have a successful end to its season it must play at its level all the time and pick up its communication level when on the court.

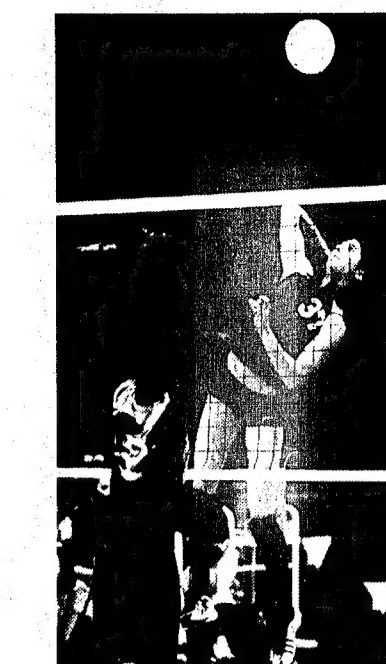


photo by Ashley Gaddis / photography editor
PLAYING LINCOLN PREP, Maryville Spoofhound Jordan Stiens, Junior, spikes the ball.

"We need to just be consistent," Klaus said. "I think that we hit well and we pass well and the girls play well together. We just need to do that more consistently."

After struggling last weekend in the Benton Tournament, Klaus was excited to see her team bounce back.

"Last weekend in Benton we didn't play too well," Klaus said. "It was nice to see them ready to play today (Monday). I think the attitude was good, they all wanted to play, and they were ready to win. I just hope that continues."

Although Klaus said all of her players lead at different times, she expects libero Leah Bostwick to continue talking well on the court and leading by example.

The 'Hounds travel to Chillicothe for their match-up at 5 p.m. today against the Hornets.

SOCCER

Record set in blowout

By Jason Lawrence
Missourian Reporter

Every time the ball found the back of the net, it seemed to come off of the foot of Jon Rogers.

Rogers tied a school record for goals in a single game by scoring six against Lincoln College Preparatory Academy in a 10-0 win at Donaldson-Westside Park on Tuesday. Rogers felt relieved to finally get a share of the record.

"It feels good to finally get it," Rogers said. "This is the third game I've really tried for it this season. The other two times I got five goals."

Head coach Stuart Collins was equally excited for Rogers' feat.

"He's a role model for everyone else out there on the soccer field," Collins said. "He gets the job done, and for him to tie the record for goals in a game, well, he deserves it. He's our most prolific scorer that we have ever had in our high school's history. He really earned it."

Rogers scored four of the team's eight first half goals and contributed the two goals in the second half to end the game early due to the mercy rule. Ryan Vandivert scored two goals in the win and fellow freshman Shawn Scheffe contributed a goal along with senior Billy Stephenson.

The 'Hounds were able to stay aggressive throughout the game and only let the ball get deep into Maryville territory twice in the first half. Junior captain John Morton said their ability to stay so aggressive was fueled by the offense.

"It helped a lot having Rogers up there," Morton said. "We have good midfielders that can really control the ball well."

Collins felt the team's communication also aided their aggression.

"They moved the ball, they moved themselves and let each other know what was going to happen out there," Collins said. "They really just controlled the game."

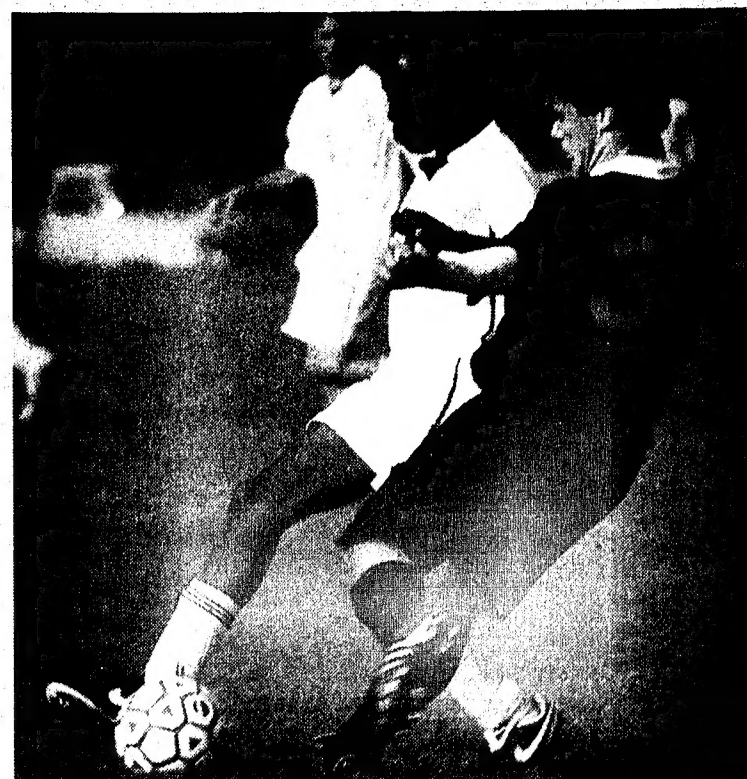
The 'Hounds moved to 9-7 on a cold, rainy day. Collins said the biggest goal coming into the game was to make sure no one got hurt before districts.

"We are in the situation where I told them from the beginning, we need to communicate well and talk to make sure no one comes in and gets us late so no one gets hurt," Collins said.

Rogers said it was good to get an easy game heading into district play and it helps build their confidence for the upcoming games.

There are only five games left on the 'Hounds' schedule before districts begin. They take on Kansas City Northeast at 4 p.m. tonight at Donaldson-Westside Park.

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THE MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUNDS boys' soccer team defeated Lincoln Prep 10-0 on Tuesday. Phil Kegode, seen above, will help 'Hounds as they prepare for district play.

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lan. This season the entire team will travel to compete as a team and as individuals.

"It'll seem just like a regular meet with the whole team there instead of just me going to try and do my own thing and try to just place individually," McClellan said.

Coach Brenda Ricks and the rest of the team also think the team being there will calm the nerves of the 'Hounds and increase their chances of doing well.

"I hope we can all have a good day when we're down there," Van de Ven said.

BEARCATS

SPOTLIGHT

Mel's angels

By Jesse Murphy
Missourian Reporter

If you're driving through the streets of Maryville on a nice day you might come across a scooter gang.

But don't be afraid, this group of football players has affectionately been dubbed "Mel's Angels," a spoof of the infamous biker gang Hell's Angels.

Some say the nickname started with graduate assistants, but the players like it, and it's catchy.

Most of the scooters were bought in Maryville and most simply because of rising gas prices.

Junior defensive lineman Sean Paddock enjoys the extra money in his pocket.

"About \$30 is all I've put in it since June," Paddock said. "Since then, it's all I've been driving."

Senior quarterback Joel Osborn attests to the great gas mileage, and uses his moped as an alternative to his gas-guzzler.

"I've had to fill up the Durango one time this semester," Osborn said. "And the tank was low to begin with."

The most common style of moped is typically 49 cubic centimeters, which by law means protective gear isn't required. They usually pull around 75 to 80 mpg and with a one-gallon tank, keeping them running is cheap.

Not only a cheap form of transportation, they can also be a source of entertainment.

"They're a lot of fun," Osborn said. "It reminds me of being a little kid. But you have to be responsible too."

People are already making their scooters personal. Senior wide receiver Kendall Wright originally bought a pink one, but spray-painted it green. The grad assistants who started the "Mel's Angels" all have a grim reaper sticker on the front of



photo by Melissa Weston / Missouriian photographer
MANY FOOTBALL PLAYERS joined the scooter trend, calling themselves Mel's Angels. Backup quarterback Blake Christopher rides his scooter to and from football practice.

their bikes. One scooter is covered with camouflage tape.

The newer mopeds have a compartment under the seat for storage, but Matt Nelson, senior center, has a unique addition to his red 1982 Honda.

"I rock a milk crate on mine," Nelson said. "It matches and does a great job carrying everything."

During practice, if you look by the back entrance of Lamkin, there will be anywhere between 20 to 30 scooters parked. That's when you know Mel's Angels are at work.

"I think it's funny," Nelson said. "The Hell's Angels are bad, but we are too."

Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green knows it can't always be fun. There have already been two accidents this year involving scooters.

"There are safety concerns," Green said. "People don't have to wear helmets and aren't required to have formal training on the mopeds. Plus, they ride in unsafe locations like

the sidewalk."

The rules about mopeds on campus are the same as motorcycles. A parking permit is required, but parking is allowed in yellow spaces in lots, pretty much anywhere a car can't park, except for bike racks. They can only be ridden on the streets, no sidewalk driving is allowed.

Green said Campus Safety will begin towing illegally parked scooters and giving citations for those without permits next week.

When the weather gets cold, some scooter owners plan to bundle up and tough it out, but when conditions get bad, most will pack up and go back to their usual form of transportation.

Nelson plans to put his in the garage, Osborn will go back to the gas hog and Paddock is thinking the same, but it all depends on the weather.

"So far, it hasn't been too cold," Paddock said. "But it's starting to get bitter in the mornings and at night. I'll probably go back to my car."

VOLLEYBALL

Upset possibilities in future

By Brian Bosiljevic
University Sports Editor

The Northwest volleyball team is no stranger to ranked opponents. The Bearcats have yet to grab an upset.

Truman comes to town Friday posing the fifth nationally ranked challenge on the 'Cats' MIAA schedule.

Head coach Anna Tool looks for consistency from her team. She thinks Northwest can match up talent-wise to anyone but feels her team will not come away with an upset until they begin to play to the same level of consistency as those nationally ranked foes.

"They are getting use to playing top ranked team," Tool said. "We need to break that though, we don't want to be used to playing them we want to be used to beating them. I don't think there is the intimidation factor when they go into a match like that. They need to just get over that hump and pull an upset, so they know it can happen."

The 'Cats were successful in pulling off two upsets last year against South Dakota and Nebraska-Omaha. They also forced many matches

against nationally ranked opponents to sets four and five, which they have only done once this year.

"I think we are less experienced overall offensively," Tool said. "Even with having Alicia Johnson last year, she was a big threat offensively. It takes a little while for someone to step in and fill that void. I would just say that we have even more youth and inexperience on the court this year than we did last year."

Freshman Alex Hanna might be the one to step into the void left Johnson when she transferred to Southern Illinois University during the off-season.

Hanna hits the ball well and can hit over, around and through the opponents block, Tool said.

Although the offense is lacking on experience, sophomore Amber Ryan, the team's offensive leader, thinks defense must improve for the 'Cats to compete.

"I think we need to work on the blocking and just being there to cover," Ryan said. "Everyone needs to just be focused because I think a lot of times people just aren't focused."

The 'Cats traveled to Missouri Western yesterday to take on a Grifons team that is 0-8 in conference

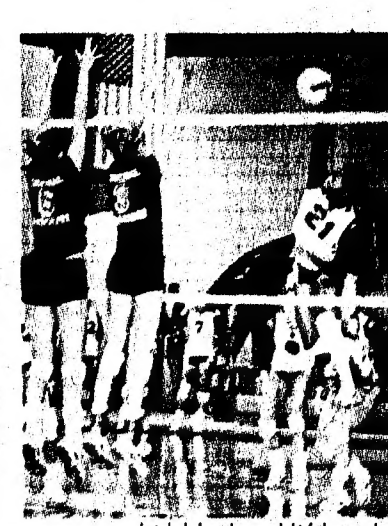


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SOPHOMORE IESHA HOSKINS prepares to kill the ball during set one of the match against Central Missouri. Hoskins has 116 kills this season.

play. Results were unavailable at press time.

The team's goal for the Missouri Western match is, "to pick a strong dominating win, so we can have some momentum going to the home game against nationally ranked Truman," Tool said.

The 'Cats square off against No. 12 Truman at 7 p.m., Friday, in Bearcat Arena.

CHAMPS: Friends make memories

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to 91 yards while the Eagles only managed six points. The 'Cat offense did enough in the cold and mud to score 24 points while Greisen set a NCAA Division II playoff record with 13 touchdown passes.

With their goal achieved, it was time to go home and celebrate.

"We left Florence at about 10 (p.m.), and got home at about 1 (a.m.)," Sutton said. "As we were driving the buses up, there were people lined up on 71 highway honking and cheering. That was

really cool."

As national champions, Sutton, Greisen and the rest of the '98 team successfully turned around the Northwest football program. Since that year, the 'Cats are 106-20 and have revisited the national championship game four times, winning again in 1999.

But another, maybe more important, legacy lives on for that group of players. Their friendships, which were born in the weight rooms and practice fields, continue to this day. Many of the players stay in touch with each other including Sutton and Greisen.

"Let's just say those guys will be my greatest friends forever," Greisen said.

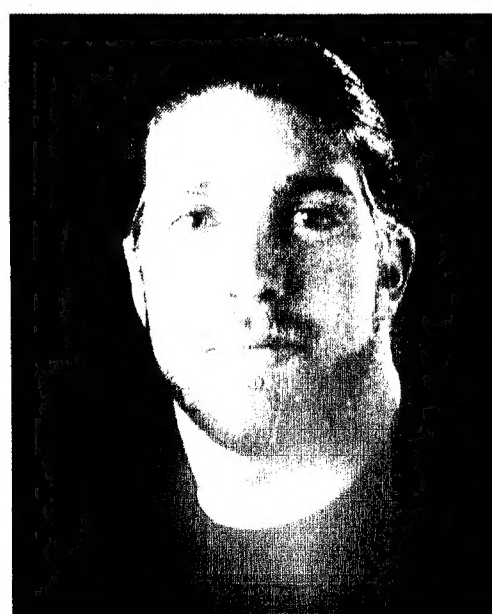
Indeed, memories of his teammates are what Sutton cherishes most from the memorable 1998 season.

"Honestly, the one memory I would take from that season would be on the field after the (championship) game," Sutton said. "It was raining, and we were covered in mud. I was giving the post-game prayer. Just looking at all those guys' faces was probably the greatest moment of the season."

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Sean Paddock



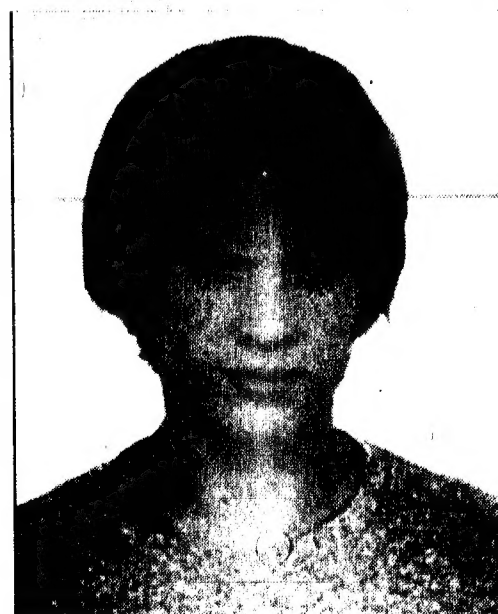
Paddock spent most of his Saturday terrorizing the Central Missouri offensive line. During the game with the Mules, Paddock racked up two sacks and forced early throws on a number of occasions. He helped the Bearcats hold the lead when their offense wasn't firing on all cylinders.

Jessica Feuerbach



Feuerbach set the Northwest 18 hole record at the Avila Fall Invitational last Friday. She shot 82 for the round, beating teammate Sarah Hayes' record of 83, which was set at Avila's 2008 spring tournament. The tournament was the Bearcats' last competition of the fall.

Jon Rogers



Rogers tied the Maryville record for goals in a game with six against Lincoln Preparatory Academy. His six goals helped the Spoofhounds to a 10-0 victory over Lincoln Prep. The 'Hounds are currently preparing for district play and will tune up against Kansas City Northeast next.

Amy Van de Ven



Van de Ven led the Maryville golf team to a third place finish in the MEC tournament and a first place finish in districts. Van de Ven led the Spoofhounds during the conference tournament with a 99 and together with her teammates will compete at state starting Monday.

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MHS FOOTBALL

'Hounds face Trenton in districts

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Led by defense and an unexpected star, Maryville defeated Savannah 21-0 in the inaugural Highway 71 Showdown, and will now prepare for high school football's second season.

Senior fullback Wyatt Maudlin set the tone for the 'Hounds offensively with a series of dive plays up the middle.

"In the second half, they rolled both safeties up on the outside and

we thought 'well, we're not going to beat them around the edge, so why not just keep running with Maudlin,'" Maryville head coach Chris Holt said. Maudlin capped the 'Hounds' first drive with a two-yard touchdown run.

Maudlin finished with 84 yards and two rushing touchdowns.

The 'Hounds turned the ball over three times as they produced their lowest point total of the season.

"I'm obviously proud of our defense," Holt said. "Offensively, I'm

not real proud. We've got to do a better job."

The Spoofhounds' defense limited the Savages to 58 rushing yards and collected 15 tackles for losses, including four sacks. Junior linebacker Evan Johnson led the defense with 9.5 tackles and a sack.

Maryville (6-1, 5-1 MEC) enters district play this week to find out if they will mount a playoff run this year.

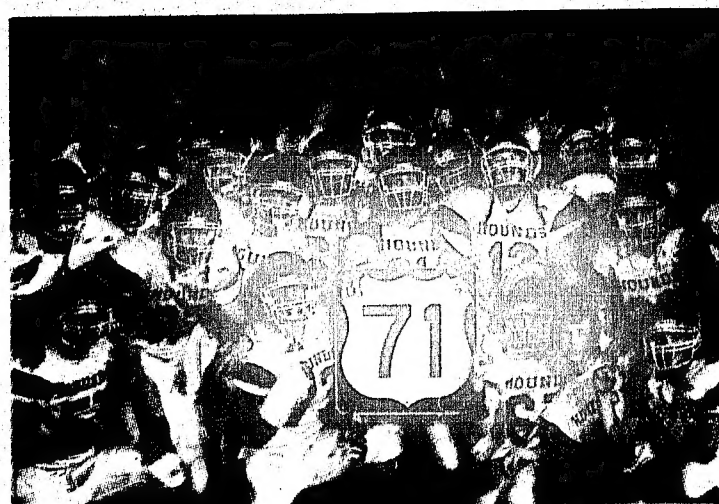
Last year the 'Hounds' only loss came in districts and prevented Maryville from making the playoffs.

"We're trying to keep up with what they did last year," Maudlin said. "We're more determined to go all the way this year than we were last year."

Maryville plays Trenton for its first district matchup. Trenton started the year 1-3, but has won three-in-a-row to improve to 4-3.

"We really need to come in and control up front," Holt said. "They are a young team so we need to impose our will early."

The 'Hounds play Trenton at 7 p.m. Friday in Maryville.



THE SPOOFHOUND FOOTBALL team celebrates its victory in the first Highway 71 Showdown Friday night. The Spoofhounds shutout the Savages 21-0 in Savannah.

photo by Seth Cook | chief photographer

SPOTLIGHT



BEARCAT FOOTBALL COACH Mel Tjeerdsmo can recall with great detail memories of his 1998 national championship season. The 'Cats of '98 were the first Division II team to go 15-0, a stark contrast to the 0-11 season of four years before.

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Celebrate '98

A look back at the unique nature of the 1998 national champs

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

"Florence or bust" was their motto, stamped on the back of their team T-shirts, spoken from the lips of their team leaders, burned into the brains of the 1998 Bearcat football team.

And why not? Why not be so bold? They'd been so close before.

"Our seniors that year (1996), they were devastated, because they really believed they were going to win a national championship in '96," head coach Mel Tjeerdsmo said. "That sent a real loud message to me that we were going in the right direction because they believed they could do it."

Lossing to Northern Colorado, the eventual national champion in 1996 and 1997, in playoffs caused the team to set such a hard line at the beginning of 1998.

A national championship was all they cared about, former quarterback Chris Greisen said. Even after avenging their loss by steam rolling the Bears 42-17 in front of a home crowd, the team remained

focused, refusing to celebrate early when its goal hadn't been met.

"I think the greatest thing with the '98 team was we were so focused on winning the national championship," Greisen said. "So, when we beat Northern Colorado, we celebrated a little and then moved on to Texas A&M-Kingsville."

After handling Northern Colorado, the 'Cats faced Texas A&M-Kingsville in the semi-finals, a team Tjeerdsmo said might be the most talented team he's ever seen at the Division II level.

Texas A&M-Kingsville may have been more talented, but Northwest was the better team, and 'Cat fans spent Dec. 5, 1998 dividing up pieces of the first goal post torn down at Rickenbrode Stadium.

"I can still remember those goal posts coming down for the first time here," defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick said. "They weren't very good, so, they came down pretty quick. That was awesome to see ... I've still got a piece of it here in my office."

A large part of the 'Cats' success in 1998 has to do with coaches like Bostwick,

former offensive line coach Bart Tatum and former offensive coordinator Jim Svoboda, Greisen said.

Not only did those coaches bring new schemes and attitudes to a losing program, they also recruited talented players to play for a team that went 0-11 in 1994.

Greisen and former safety Brian Sutton were both recruited before Northwest showed signs of righting the ship. Both suffered through the 0-11 1994 season as freshmen.

"It's hard and you got told 'no' a bunch then," Bostwick said of recruiting for a losing program. "When we first got here, we'd recruit five (players) to get one. Now, it's two (players) to get one."

With all the pieces in place, in what Greisen describes as a sort of divine puzzle falling together, the stage was set for Northwest's first national championship football game.

It was cold. It was raining, but it didn't matter. The Northwest defense held the powerful Carson Newman rushing attack.

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NW SOCCER

Soccer team seeks first ever win against Truman, revenge for Washburn loss

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

The Northwest soccer team begins a three-game home stretch tonight, after last weekend's road trip left it winless.

The Bearcats tied one game and lost another this past week in trips to Emporia and Washburn.

Freshman midfielder Kelly Obley scored the 'Cats' only goal of the weekend. Obley scored in the 74th minute against Emporia to tie the game at 1-1. The goal was the first of Obley's NCAA career.

"It was really exciting, especially being down and knowing that I just gave our team another chance to win the game," Obley said.

The 'Cats 1-0 deficit at halftime of the Emporia game was the first time Northwest has trailed at halftime this season.

Northwest out-shot Emporia 7-1 in overtime Saturday, but failed to score during that time.

The Bearcats have regularly out-shot their opponents this season. They have a combined 98-to-63 shots-on-goal advantage over their opponents, but like Saturday, it hasn't always meant more points.

"Basically, we need to make better decisions around the net," head coach Tracy Hoza said. "They work very hard, but they need to make better decisions for the final shot."

Northwest begins a three-game home stretch tonight against No. 25 Truman after playing just three home games in the last month.

"It's great. I think we play a lot better at home just like everyone does," Obley said.

The 'Cats are undefeated at Bearcat Pitch through five games this year. Missouri Western did force a tie there, but Northwest also defeated No. 4 Nebraska Omaha in Maryville.

Truman outlasted the 'Cats in their Sept. 11 meeting in Kirksville. Truman midfielder Megan Buri scored at the 10-minute mark of the second half to lift the Bulldogs past the Bearcats.

"We just need to pass the ball more, and play our game," Obley said. "We need to slow it down, work the ball around the field more and just work on finishing. If we do that we'll be good."

Truman enters the rematch 9-3-1 but has one just once in their last five games.

Truman holds a 15-0 series lead over the Bearcats.

Northwest also hosts a rematch with Washburn this weekend.

Washburn beat the 'Cats last Thursday 3-0, and followed that up with a 4-3 win over Nebraska-Omaha to increase its winning streak to four games. The 3-0 loss was the worst loss the 'Cats have suffered this season.

"We have to play better as a team," Hoza said. "Washburn wasn't a good game, and we didn't play well as a team."

The 'Cats play Truman at 4 p.m. tonight at Bearcat Pitch, and host Washburn at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bearcat Pitch.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Men's, women's basketball bring madness to 'Cat fans

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

On Tuesday night, more than 1,000 fans packed Bearcat Arena to meet the 2007-2008 Northwest men's and women's basketball teams, and a chance to win a new car.

A dance off between the men's and women's teams highlighted the evening.

The men stole the show from last year's champions. They got the crowd involved with a mix including "Pop, Lock and Drop it" by Huey, and C&C Music Factory's "Everybody Dance Now." A roaring ovation from the crowd decided the winners of the contest.

Northwest senior forward Hunter Henry had the biggest night out of anyone in the arena.

After the men's team won the dance contest, Henry won the slam-dunk contest, which came down to Henry against sophomore forward Elijah Allen.

"It's just fun, it really is," Henry said. "It's good to get the fans out here and introduce them to the new guys, especially this year because we have so many new guys. It's just supposed to be fun, and I think we had a pretty good time out there, and nobody got hurt."

The event also held a raffle to give one fan the chance to win a brand new car. With over 1,000 tickets to choose from, Bobby Bearcat reached into a bag and pulled out Toryana



FANS GO CRAZY for glow sticks in the opening minutes of Tuesday's Midnight Madness.

Jennings' ticket number.

"I couldn't believe it," Jennings said. "We were just sitting around talking about how they weren't going to call my number."

However, in order to win the car she had to make a lay up, a free throw, a three-point shot and a shot from mid court, all in 25 seconds. Jennings never played basketball in her life she said, and failed to make the required shots to drive home a brand new car.

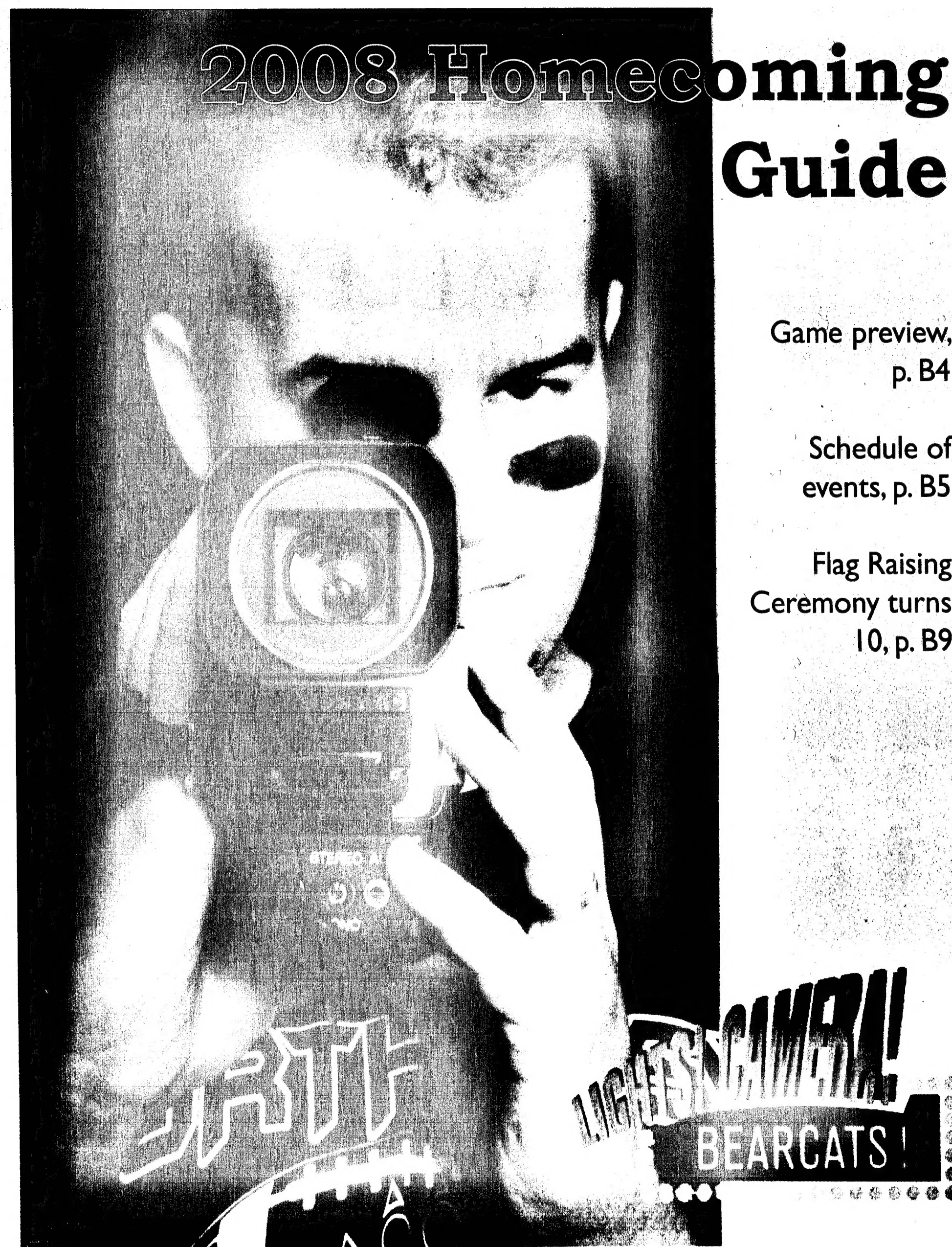
"This was the best year as far as fan participation," Henry said. "We filled up both sides of the gym pretty early in the night, and there were a lot of people standing around. By far it was the best turnout that I've seen in my five years."

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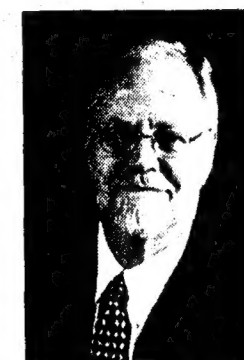
What Homecoming means to me ...

... by Dean Hubbard, *president*

Northwest is rich in traditions: Walk-out Day, the Variety Show, The Old Hickory Stick, Bobby Bearcat, the Stroller, Family Day, the Kissing Bridge and of course, Homecoming. These traditions combine to reinforce the values that make Northwest so dear to the hearts of thousands of people. "Once a Bearcat" is not just a trite slogan.

This will be my 25th Homecoming at Northwest. All of them have been fun—even the couple of times it snowed or rained! Two are particularly memorable.

My first Homecoming was in 1984. I was standing on the sidewalk in front of the Gaunt House watching the parade



when Joyce White walked up, introduced herself, and said "I understand you are interested in foreign languages."

My affirmative response triggered a detailed discussion of ways we could strengthen our foreign language offerings. I learned that Joyce graduated from Northwest with a degree in Spanish. In addition to spending a year in Argentina honing her language skills, she accompanied her husband, Harvey, to a plethora of countries where they established factories to manufacture hydraulic motors, which Harvey had invented in Maryville. Before she left, Joyce stuck something in my coat pocket. It

was the first of many contributions designed to prepare students for the global community.

On the morning of Walk-out Day 1998, the Harvey and Joyce White International Plaza was formally opened. Northwest students from around the world raised their own country's flag. Visitors came from as far away as Turkey, Korea, Argentina and Mexico to share in the celebration. As each flag was raised, I walked down the center of the Plaza and saw tears running down the faces of students as they absorbed the significance of being fully inducted into the Bearcat family. It was an occasion I will never forget.

Even though we plan to retire next summer, you can bet we'll be back for Homecoming!

... by Irma Merrick, *grand marshal*

My memories of Northwest date way back to 1945 to 1949. At that time it was known as northwest State College. It is certainly a lot larger now than it was then. The boys had their dorms and the girls theirs. Residence halls were where the girls lived.

In spring of 1953 a gas tank explosion in the back of what is now Roberta Hall and set the back on fire. Roberta Steel was very badly burned and died later. I was her sister's roommate, Caryl Steel, in 1948 to 1949. After she died they renamed the residence hall after Roberta which it is still known by.

We ate in our dorms they served three meals a day in the basement of Roberta.

No one drove cars so there were no parking lot like today. Tuition was much cheaper but wagers were very cheap also.

I came back to teach here in 1969. Miss Magill was still the chairwoman of the physical education department and asked me to come and teach.

I was very pleased that I could educate both of my chil-



dren, which they both did graduate.

I have continued to be connected with the University as teacher until 1987 and then became a cashier for Armark for 20 years.

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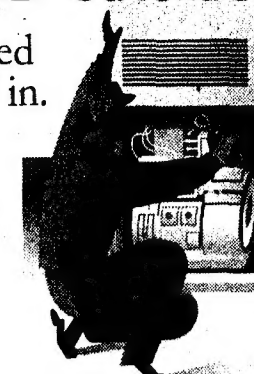
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BEARCAT WIDE RECEIVER Sidney Brisbane fights off a Tiger defender during last year's game. The 'Cats narrowly beat Fort Hays State 17-10.

Who: Fort Hays State vs. Northwest
When: 1:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Bearcat Stadium

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

Three thoughts

1. The Bearcats need to see improvement from last week on the offensive end. Penalties, turnovers and an overall lack of continuity seemed to plague the team in Warrensburg. Most alarming was the play of the Northwest passing attack which gained only 200 yards, two sacks and an interception on a vulnerable Mule defense.
2. Can the 'Cat defense play as unbelievably well as it has the last four weeks? Probably. The Fort Hays offense is negative six in turnover margin and only averages 18 points per game. Compare that to the powerhouse offenses, like Nebraska-Omaha, Pittsburg State and Central Missouri, the 'Cats shut down over the last month, and it looks like Christmas has come early for the Northwest defense.
3. This shouldn't be much of a game. That's kind of the point of homecoming. Football teams schedule cupcake opponents, so they can make sure they don't lose. That said, Northwest had trouble with Fort Hays last season. Fort Hays did beat Washburn. If the 'Cats are ready, they should cruise, but crazier things have happened than a Fort Hays upset of the 'Cats. Off the top of my head I can't think of any, but I'm sure they've happened.

Player Matchup

DT Tyler Roach vs. RB Jacobb Irvin — Roach isn't the biggest Northwest defensive lineman, but he might be one of the toughest, playing through injury almost every week. The Tigers should spend most of their time running the ball since injuries and ineffectiveness have plagued their quarterback.

TEAM STATISTICS	FHSU	OPP
SCORING	126	154
Points Per Game	18.0	22.0
RUSHING YARDAGE	1181	735
Rushing Attempts	298	237
Average Per Rush	4.0	3.1
Average Per Game	168.7	105.0
TDs Rushing	8	6
PASSING YARDAGE	806	1175
Att Comp-Int	167-72-10	203-101-7
Average Per Game	115.1	167.9
TDs Passing	4	10

Homecoming Schedule

Thursday

- 4 p.m. - Soccer game Bearcat Pitch
- 5 p.m. - Homecoming Buffet, J.W. Jones Student Union
- 7 p.m. - Variety Show, Performing Arts Center
- 9 p.m. - Royalty Crowning, Performing Arts Center
- 10 p.m. - Hypnotist, Performing Arts Center
- All day - Homecoming Archive Display, Library
- All day - Penny Wars, J.W. Jones Student Union

Friday

- 8:30 a.m. - Bell Ringing, Bell of '48
- 9 a.m. - Golden Years Reunion, Alumni House
- 11 a.m. - Homecoming Golf Classic, Mozingo
- Noon to 4 p.m. - Walk Out Day Celebration, Colden Pond
- 2 p.m. - Flag Raising Ceremony, International Plaza
- 6:30 p.m. - Hall of Fame Banquet, J.W. Jones Student Union
- 7 p.m. - Variety Show, Performing Arts Center
- 7 p.m. - Volleyball Game, Bearcat Arena
- All day - Homecoming Archive Display, Library
- All day - Penny Wars, J.W. Jones Student Union

Saturday

- 8 a.m. - Homecoming Welcome, Alumni House
- 9 a.m. - Parade
- 11 a.m. - Soccer Game, Bearcat Pitch
- 11:30 a.m. - Bearcat Zone, College Park
- 1:30 p.m. - Football Game, Bearcat Stadium
- All day - Homecoming Archive Display, Library

Sunday

- 1 p.m. - Awards Ceremony, Charles Johnson Theater

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THE BEARCAT MARCHING band plays the Northwest fight song while marching down Fourth St.

Homecoming 2007: Snapshots

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PRESIDENT HUBBARD: 25 YEARS



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NORTHWEST PRESIDENT DEAN Hubbard hugs his mother after officially becoming the University's ninth president in late summer 1984. At the time, the state of Missouri was considering closing Northwest and converting the campus into a prison.

The last Homecoming?

By Evan Young
Editor in Chief

It was 1984. Dean Hubbard had just been named Northwest's ninth president, selected out of a pool of 112 candidates and three finalists.

Preparations were underway for him to begin his new position Aug. 1. He'd announced his intentions to leave the presidency of Union College in Lincoln, Neb. and move his family to Maryville.

Then one day, Hubbard received a call from then-Missouri Higher Education Commissioner, Shailla Aery, who asked him to meet with her in Jefferson City, Mo.

"Before you move your family to Missouri, I feel obligated to have a conversation with you," Aery told him.

He obliged, and upon his arrival to her office, Aery "sent everybody out," closed the door and proceeded to deliver some stunning news.

"There is a move underfoot to close Northwest and convert it to a prison," she said.

Move to Maryville
Hubbard originally heard about Northwest through Ronald Roskens, former president of the University of Nebraska system. At the time Hubbard was president of the private Union College, and although he was interested in moving to a public institution, he was required to fulfill a 10-year agreement to work with Union's sponsor church, the Seventh-Day Adventists, which

had paid for his education at Stanford University.

Roskens knew how long Hubbard would be at Union, and when the 10-year agreement was up, he pitched the idea of moving to Northwest: "Here's the institution you ought to go to."

To Hubbard, it was. Besides the appeal of both the size of the campus and Maryville, he was impressed by the campus' strong "environment for computing." He said he could envision what would become the Electronic Campus even before he submitted his application.

"Totally out of the blue"
The meeting with Aery was the first time Hubbard had ever heard about the talks to close Northwest.

So how serious were they? Very, said former Missouri Governor Roger Wilson.

At the time, Wilson was chair of the Missouri Senate's Higher Education Committee. Within that group a subcommittee had been formed to discuss closing schools that hadn't truly established themselves in their respective regions.

"Everybody was thrown in the mix," Wilson said.

Missouri was going through one of three economic recessions in six years along with a general enrollment decline, Wilson said. It made the idea of consolidating some of its institutions practical.

Hubbard said Aery told him the option was on the table to move Northwest students to other state colleges and universities, includ-

ing Central Missouri State, now the University of Central Missouri.

The Northwest campus would then become a prison, she told him.

"Where do you stand on that issue?" Hubbard asked Aery.

"Well, I'll answer that after I find out what you would do if you come," she replied.

Hubbard proceeded to tell the commissioner about his plan to get Northwest focused on quality and efficiency - a plan that would lead to the creation and implementation of the Culture of Quality, a system of quality management based on the idea that "students come first."

Aery was impressed and told Hubbard she would fight against any legislation to close the University.

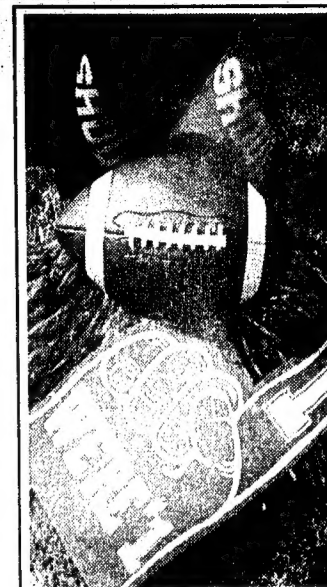
"She was a tough commissioner, but clear," Hubbard said. "I admire her."

Hubbard stressed the challenges the University faced at the time were not the result of past Northwest administrations.

"It would be easy for some people to interpret this as a criticism of the people before me, and it is not. Bob Foster did a lot of great things at Northwest, undoubtedly, and so did B.D. Owens."

Twenty-five years later, with new, improved facilities and enrollment at record highs, it's hard to imagine the idea of closing Northwest even existed, Hubbard said.

"No one even thinks about that stuff now," he said. "If they were to close somebody, it wouldn't be us."



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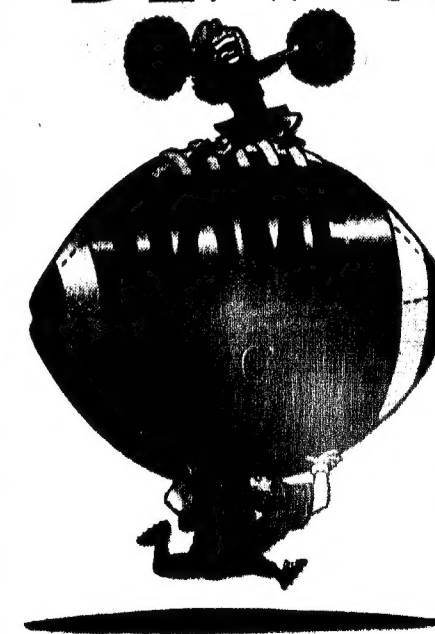
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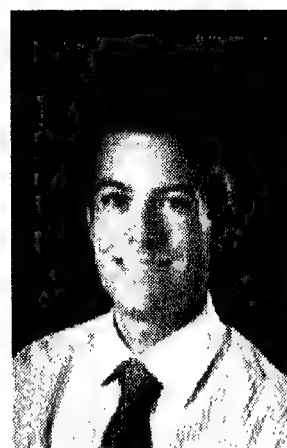
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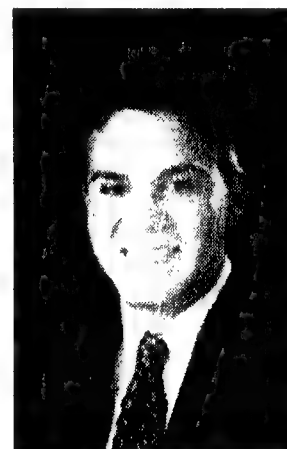
"When my fraternity won float and overall supremacy for the 2007 Homecoming." -Ryan Smith



"My favorite memory from Northwest is performing in the Alpha Psi Omega Children's Touring Show in which I played a squirrel and had a lot of fun making kids laugh!" -Russell Langdon



"I would say that my favorite memories at Northwest are the times I can hang out with my good friends. I have made some lifelong friendships in my four years here and appreciate all of the fun times we have all had." -John Strohm



"(My fraternity doing) the teeter totter event for our philanthropy (Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City) ... in the past we've done 72 hours ... this year we are doing 100 (hours)," -Brent Ussary

"As during the era leading up to the Civil War, the American people don't see statesmen working together and don't hear voices of moderation or common sense. Instead, they are accosted by ideologues who play on fears and resentments, making big problems out of small ones and small problems out of big ones."

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--Pete Peterson on the failure of American political leadership. Running on Empty (2004)



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Why I Am Now a Democrat

Before beginning that discussion, I want to share with the voters my political philosophy and its evolution. I first took an interest in the political process as a youthful Goldwater Republican. My beliefs in liberty of conscience, limited government and fiscal responsibility remain the same. But as did the late Senator, I have come to see a greater role for government in meeting some needs of our society.

What I value most that I learned from Senator Goldwater is this: He believed that a candidate for public office should discuss issues and ideas, appealing to logic and reason rather than emotion; he trusted the intelligence of the voters to make the right decisions, and he thought the first duty of a candidate was to promote this type of political discourse. Those principles continue to guide me, as I believe they should all political candidates.

Ultimately I became a Democrat for the same reasons expressed by Jim Webb, a St. Joseph native who served in the Reagan defense department before his election to the Senate in 2006 as a Democrat. Explaining his change of parties, Webb cited his research for his history of the Scotch-Irish in America, *Born Fighting*, which led him to conclude: "The Democratic Party better represents the interests of the common man."

Biographical Summary

A native of Maryville, I attended Horace Mann School and then Maryville High. I am a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and attended law school at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. As a non-combatant, I served 16 months in Southeast Asia as an army medic, including five months in Vietnam. Before returning to join our family farm operation in 1986, I was a partner in an oil production and development company. Presently I live in Green Township, and operate farms with my brother and mother in Atchison, Lincoln and Union townships. I believe my background and experience, together with my long-standing ties to the North District would make me an effective representative for its citizens.

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Ceremony turns 10



By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Northwest will add three flags to represent new international students at the 10th anniversary of the International Flag Raising Ceremony.

Egypt, Panama and Portugal will be added to the plaza. There are 54 flags in all. The Intercultural and International Center hosts the Flag Raising Ceremony.

The Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza represents the American students and the students at Northwest from other countries on passport, International Affairs Director Jeff Foot said.

"What it says is that international students on campus are a part of this campus," Foot said. "It says they belong here."

The flags flying representing last year's students. The ceremony is held on Walkout Day at 2 p.m. tomorrow. It is in accordance with the Walkout Day Celebration takes place from noon to 4 p.m. on the Colden Hall pond next to the international plaza. It serves as a refreshment of the plaza for the new academic year, Foot said.

Not all flags that fly represent students. There are 11 sponsored flags at the plaza, Foot said. Protocol set by the sponsors of the plaza states there will be a maximum of 14 sponsored flags. The remaining 40 flags will represent students.

The Student Activities Council and Student Senate host Walkout Day.

"We're trying to make more of a fun student event that has a multicultural component for all the students," Foot said. "The event (the Walkout Day Celebration) has the potential to be a lasting event."

The ceremony is not just for something to do, it is also for the international students, Foot said.

"It is also a chance for international students to show how proud they are of their own country," Foot said.

This is the first year the University hosts a student from Panama, Foot said.

Edgar Peregrina decided to attend the University because Northwest cares about international students. He will raise his own country's flag in the ceremony.

"It is a great honor to raise my own flag," Peregrina said. "I want people to know I'm here."

This is Peregrina's first experience outside of Panama. He is talking to his friends and they seem interested in attending the University.

"I hope we will have a group of people from Panama in the spring semester," Peregrina said. "I feel like I am opening a new door for my country." The Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza is not something all universities have, Foot said.

"There are some things that all universities have like a recreation center and library," Foot said. "Not all universities have an international flag plaza."

There will be drawing for two new iPod Nanos to the students who register before 2 p.m.

A NORTHWEST FOREIGN exchange student speaks during 2007's Flag Raising Ceremony at the Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza on campus. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event.

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The campus portions of University Drive, Seventh Street and Ninth Street will be closed be-

ginning at 5 a.m. Also closing at that time will be College Avenue (Fourth Street) from just west of the main campus entrance.

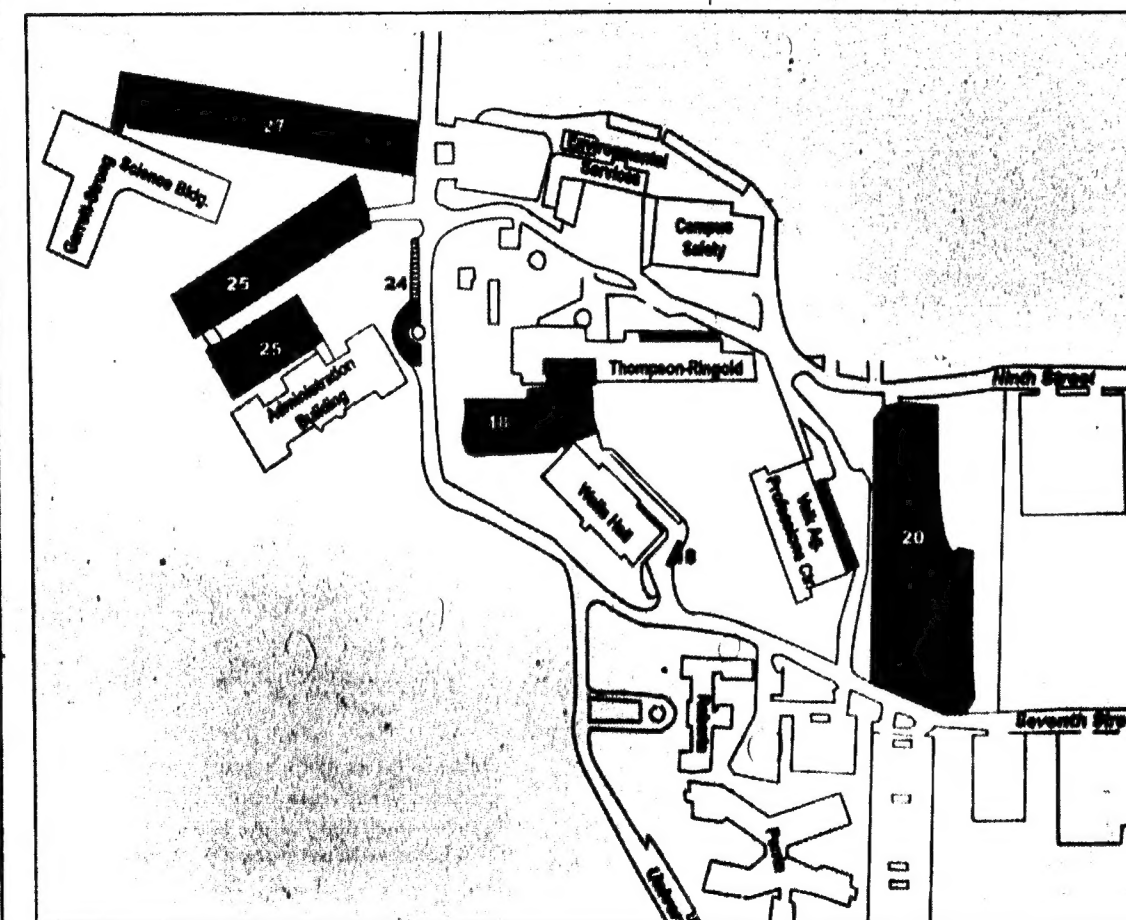
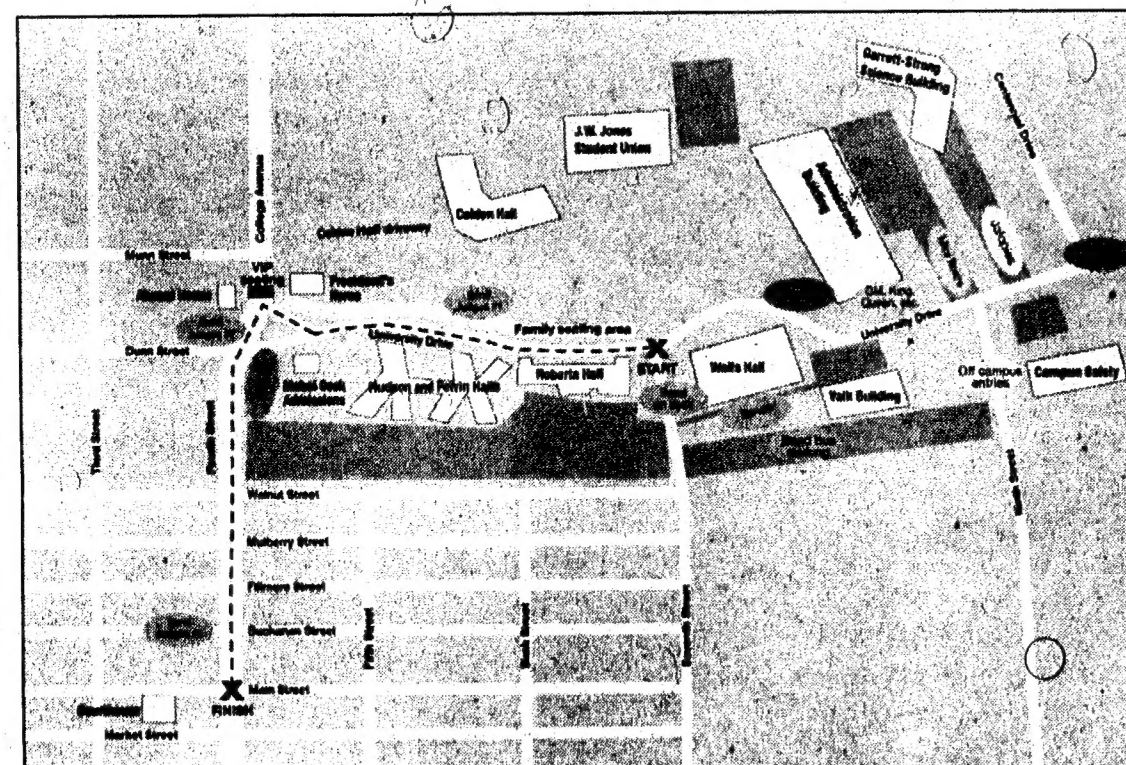
Campus parking lots in the vicinity of these streets will also close on Homecoming Day (lots 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27) and must be cleared of vehicles by 5 a.m. Vehicles left in these parking areas are subject to ticketing and towing.

The cleared lots will be used for various parade activities and as staging areas for floats. They

will re-open following the parade.

Students with residential parking permits parked in lots 9 and 10 behind Roberta, Hudson and Perrin halls do not need to move their vehicles. Students parked in Lot 20 behind the Valk Agricultural Professions Center must move their vehicles to lots 11 or 12 prior to 5 a.m. on Homecoming Day.

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Mini-Float	Highly Competitive	Competitive
First Place	\$300.00	\$150.00
Second Place	\$200.00	\$100.00
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Second Place	\$40.00	\$40.00
Third Place	\$30.00	\$30.00
Fourth Place	\$20.00	\$20.00
Jalopies	Highly Competitive	
First Place	\$60.00	
Second Place	\$50.00	
Third Place	\$40.00	
Fourth Place	\$30.00	
Banners	Highly Competitive	Competitive
First Place	\$75.00	\$75.00
Second Place	\$65.00	\$65.00
Third Place	\$55.00	\$55.00
Fourth Place	\$45.00	\$45.00
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'I'll Fly Away' - Jessi Harris and Nate Birkley
'The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow' - Phi Mu and Tau Kappa Epsilon

Act Two

'Love Me Anyway' - Kyle Aaron and the Rocky Mountain Pub Crawl
Bobby the Bearcat in 'Finding Barbara' - Sigma Kappa and Phi Delta Theta
'Lover You Should've Come Over' - by Jeff Buckley Dan Rasmussen
'The Perfect Skit' - Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Kappa Lambda
'A Pirate's Life for Me' - Bearcat Steppers
'Star Wars: The Saga Retold' - Phi Mu Alpha

• The Variety Show is Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5. The masters of ceremony are Dan Barnett and Dan Scheuler.



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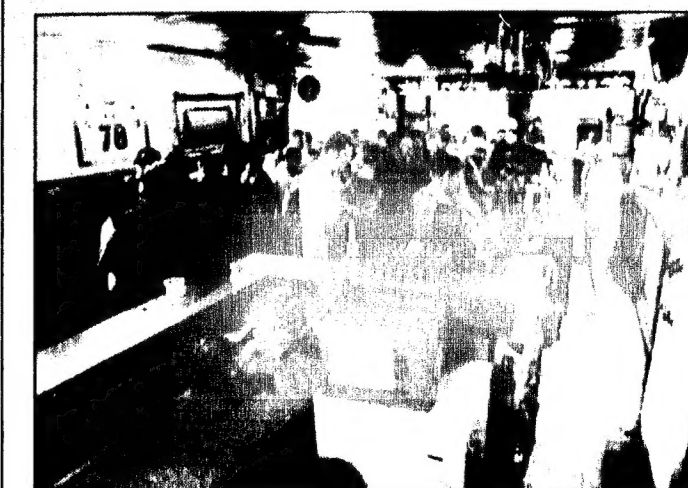
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2008 Homecoming royalty women

Most memorable Northwest moments



"Last year when we had the ice storm, I lived in Roberta. Everyone woke up that morning to trees down everywhere. We all hung out in the hallways and in each other's rooms all day long-- it was so much fun!" -Amanda Davis



"My favorite Northwest memory was when we revealed our grand total from "Up til Dawn" (my sophomore year). I was honored to be a part of Northwest's first St. Jude exec board, and all the hard work, effort, time and stress paid off when we announced that we'd raised about \$59,000 to donate to St. Jude Research Hospital. That number put us in the top 20 universities in the nation, which for our first year as a campus organization was incredible. My sorority gave me the confidence to run for that position, and it was the best move I ever made!" -Megan Victor



"I have a lot of favorite memories since attending Northwest. Some include assisting with FFA Agricultural Contests, working on the Homecoming float, and even the Up Til Dawn program when our agricultural instructor jumped in the FREEZING Colden Pond during the winter last year. However, I believe the most challenging but yet rewarding activity that I am participating in would have to be being a Freshmen Peer Mentor." -Megan Schmidt



"My most memorable experience from Northwest was 2007 fall finals week/the ice storm. Though my house was out of power for 8 days, I actually had a lot of fun bonding with people as trees collapsed and power lines fell around us. The fun extended into a road trip to Alabama for the National Championship game where so many fans drove all the way down to support the team and continue our tradition of incredible school spirit!" -Kelsey Luers



"My favorite Northwest memory is bundling up for the playoffs game against Grand Valley last year. It was so amazing to watch our team beat them on our field after two years of being second to them in the country. I remember running onto the field and helping tear down the goal posts and then trying to shove it into Colden Pond which was frozen!" -Megan Walker

*royalty men on B8

Groups put in money, hours for 'pumping'

Katie Luers
 Chief Reporter

Thousands upon thousands of pomps will cover the floats in the Homecoming Parade this Saturday.

The Alpha Sigma Alpha (ASA) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) float alone will feature hundreds of thousands of pomps.

ASA and TKE began work on the float late this summer. The TKE members helped to build the float structure two weeks before school started. Decorating began after recruitment was over, Estes said.

The "pumping" process

takes most of the time. It's similar to origami, she said.

Each piece of paper folds into a cone shape and the pointed end is placed into the chicken-wire structure and glued down. Two different-colored pieces of paper can be folded together for different effects, Estes said.

The designs become intricate with more detailed method called "pencil pumping." In "pencil pumping," the paper is folded in half and then rolled over a pencil before being placed in the wire, she said.

By using different "pumping" methods the designs can be multi-colored and contain details like shading and other small details. Every design on the float is proportionate and carefully designed, Estes said.

To decorate the float the groups dedicate a lot of hours to working on it. Between ASA

and TKE about 140 students work on the float, Estes said.

In ASA, the members have five to 10 required hours each week to work on the float. Some weekends this fall were designated as "closed week-ends" where the girls had to work on the float, she said.

Not all groups have the time or manpower to dedicate to the project of a large float.

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) designed a float in last year's parade. This year however, the Special Events Committee decided to take a different route to participate, committee sponsor Kora Jackson said.

"This year all our efforts will be put forth into the competitions in which RHA is participating," Jackson said.

The competitions include the banner, canned art and jalogy competitions, she said.

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